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Holocaust survivor tells of the horror

Unspeakable truth

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A swastika appeared again this week on the Andover High School campus. But this time, instead of being in the middle of an athletic field, it was in the Collins Center. And instead of being burned in the grass as it was last November, allegedly by five students, it was displayed on a flag, held by Holocaust survivor Stephan Ross, who brought a message to students on Monday.

"I want to make an impression on you. This was the flag of evil. Don't repeat it," Ross said, holding up the red Nazi flag. "You don't know how I feel when I see this," he said at the conclusion of his talk.

As part of the response to the swastika incident, state Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and school officials invited Ross to tell students about his childhood spent in concentration camps, an experience so close to death for so long, he will never fully recover, he said.

Ross delivered his story in fragments, broken up by emotional pauses and emphatic repetition.

"How can I tell you the truth when the truth is unspeakable?" he said.

Ross, 68, of Boston, is a retired psychologist who works part-time with inner-city youth.

He was born Schmuelek Rozental in Lodz, Poland, and never went to school as a child. At the age of 9 he and his family were taken to German concentration camps. He was beaten, starved, molested, and worked to the brink of death until he was scheduled to be injected with a lethal serum in the name of medical experiments on April 30,



Photo by Carol Van Doren

A monstrous evil — Stephan Ross, founder of the Holocaust Memorial in Boston, speaks to a rapt audience of Andover High School students Monday morning at the Collins Center.

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Collins Center getting a Rush

By Neil Fater

Opportunity is knocking for Andover singer/songwriters waiting to be discovered, and the door local artists need to open belongs to the star-crossed Collins Center.

Singer Tom Rush is bringing his popular, traveling Club 47 concert series to the Collins Center stage on May 13. And, while the opportunity is open to all, Rush may ask two budding Andover artists to join him and Grammy-winning folk singer Janis Ian.

Rush, the man credited with discovering Joni Mitchell and Jackson Browne, is inviting area musicians to send in tapes, CDs, videos, photos or other materials to become one of those two musicians.

After listening to the entries, Rush will select a handful of finalists to audition at West Middle School March 19.

The two best performers from the audition will open for him and Ian at the May 13 show (see related story).

Months ago, Andover resident Dan Betty sug-

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The urge for playing — Tom Rush headed for Andover.

Youth center proposed at West Andover site

By Taylor Armerding

A group led by outgoing Selectman Larry Larsen plans to launch a fund drive in April, in hopes of building a new \$2.3-million youth center on town property behind the West Andover fire station off Greenwood Road.

The Andover Youth Foundation was incorporated last month under Larsen's name, but also includes other political heavy hitters. Former long-time selectmen chairman Jerry Silverman is public relations chairman, former public works director Bob McQuade is chairing the building committee, Harvard professor Tom Jones and Art Williams are co-chairs of fund-raising, and

Police Chief Brian Pattullo is chairing transportation and safety.

Silverman says the fund-raising effort will begin Thursday, April 6 at Old Town Hall, with a roast of Larsen, in honor of his service as a selectman.

"We're going to roast the doctor, and dinner is going to be supplied by the Greater Lawrence Technical School," he says. "There's room for about 250 people, and all proceeds will be used as the first donation toward the new Andover Youth Center."

That, however, raises a question: What happened to the youth center proposed last fall by Selectman Brian Major and Andover

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TownTalk



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Let's go surfing — Alma Cooney, of the Andover Senior Center, gets a hand on the computer from Andover High School senior Allison James.

Friends from age to age

A new pairing of Senior Center members and Andover High School students, aimed at spreading career wisdom and computer skills, has students and seniors raving.

While students taught seniors computer and Internet skills, seniors gave career-searching advice to students.

Dorothy Boisen, 77, is a semi-retired travel agent at Colpitts Travel in Andover.

"It's really been a joy. I hate to see it over," she says of the conclusion of the 13-week class.

Her student, junior Brett Weiner, says he was encouraged by her stories of changing careers early on.

"I learned a lot from her. It was a great experience," he says.

While Boisen has years of experience in the business world, her computer experience was limited to mainframes.

"These young people are very computer literate. I learned a lot of things I'd like to know," she

says.

Together each student/teacher team took the Harrington-O'Shea career choice personality test, and created a Web site.

Senior Don Sagaser learned by taking the career choice test that he had entered just the right field for his personality and interests. He is now retired 14 years from his job in communications and development at Bell Labs.

"That was no great surprise. But I think the main point of the program was to have integration of the generations and contacts and connections," he says.

Seniors Sagaser, Boisen, Ray Berger, Bea Morreo, Marty Epstein, Vahey Gulezian, Elma Cooney, Charlotte Murphy, Kaye Devanna and Frances Campbell participated.

Students involved in the program included Weiner, Steve Fontanella, Shambhari Guruprasad, Adam Spiller, Peter Jensen, Erica Boettcher, Kristen

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NEWS IN BRIEF

League sets managed care forum Feb. 9

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will sponsor a forum on health care and legislation at its winter dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Ramada Rolling Green in Andover. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m., with the forum starting at 7:30 p.m.

The program, called "Managing Managed Care," will discuss the impact of current legislation on ensuring affordable, quality health care, patients' rights and the financial well-being of providers and insurers.

Panelists will include state Sen. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, chairman of the Massachusetts Insurance and Banking Committee; Joseph McManus, CEO of Lawrence General Hospital; Roger Jenkins, M.D.; Neil Harkins, counselor with Serving Health Information Needs of

Elders (SHINE); and a representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

The public is invited, by paid reservation. Tickets are \$25, and will not be available at the door. For reservations, call Debby Miller at 475-4053.

Candidates: last chance

The last day to return nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office for the March 28 town election is Tuesday, Feb. 8.

- The offices on the ballot this year are:
- Moderator, one for one year;
 - School Committee, two for three years;
 - Selectman, two for three years;
 - Housing authority, one for five years;
 - Greater Lawrence Technical School representative, one for three years; and
 - Punchard Free School, five for three

years

For more information, call 623-8200.

Clinic set Feb. 16

The Andover Board of Health will hold a cholesterol screening clinic Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon for Andover residents only. An appointment is necessary.

The simple fingerstick test for total cholesterol costs \$5 and does not require fasting.

For more information or an appointment, call the Health Department at 623-8295.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was: **The warrant for private citizen articles for the Annual Town Meeting closed this past Friday, while it remains open for elected officials. Should the warrant be open for citizens as long as it is for officials?**

With only 16 online readers responding, the vote was a convincing 12-4 in favor of citizen access to the warrant. However, the question was not phrased properly. While town officials can insert the amount of money they are seeking for certain articles, such as the town budget, they have the same deadline as citizens do for placing articles on the warrant.

This week's question is: **Do you support a new youth center on town-owned property off Greenwood Road in West Andover?**

Surf to www.andovertownsmen.com and cast your vote.

Quote, unquote . . .

'W'e'll do what we can, but there will be some disappointed department heads."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, commenting on requests from town department heads for 20 new positions in local government.

'Y'ou'd think they'd themselves impose something so you'd have accurate records. But somehow people don't want their doings chronicled."

John Doyle, reacting to the Board of Selectmen's decision to stop taping their meeting due to lack of funds.

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Zoning Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Board of Assessors, Assessor's office conference room, 9 a.m.

Saturday, February 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.

Monday, February 7

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Sanborn School Council, Sanborn School media center, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 6:30 p.m.

ing, budget workshop, 7 p.m.

Preservation Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical High School, building expansion subcommittee, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.

West Elementary School Council, school conference room, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership Committee/Fair Housing Committee, first-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 10

School Building Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

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Herlihy, and Audra Alexander.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

New Pats coach a hero at PA

The New England Patriots' new head coach Bill Belichick is good at more than just giving opposing offenses fits. The defensive guru is also good at giving his time to Phillips Academy students.

Leon Modeste, Phillips' football coach and athletic director, says that Belichick frequently returns to his alma mater to speak with both students and fellow alumni. Belichick did a post-graduate year at Phillips during the 1970-71 school year.

"He's very giving of his time. Obviously, as fans we're all a little curious about the real world of sports," says Modeste.

And Belichick is willing to tackle students' questions head on, he says. During his time with the New York Jets, the Patriots new leader came to the school and talked with Phillips students about everything from choosing a college to working in the NFL.

"He really answered all the kids' questions without batting an eye. You know these guys are busy and don't have to do this. I was

touched that he did," says Modeste.

Modeste particularly remembers one night when Belichick attended a "Friday Forum." The night-time events are scheduled to allow students a change to meet and question celebrity alumni.

"If we didn't have to sign in (at the dorms)— which we do because we're a boarding school — the kids would have just kept asking him questions and he would have just kept answering," says Modeste.

Modeste says the Belichick he's met at Phillips seems nothing like the reportedly taciturn Belichick he's read about at times in the press.

"Not at all. I don't understand that at all," says Modeste. "It's got me scratching my head because this is one of the most giving, kind people I've met."

— Neil Fater

Local officials attend annual MMA meeting

Andover Selectmen John Hess, Mary French, Lori Becker and Brian Major, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Purchasing Agent Elaine Shola, Safety Committee member Ron Hancock and Financial/Management Analyst Peter Johnson-Staub joined more than 950 officials from across the state at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's 2000 annual Town Meeting and Trade Show at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Jan. 28 and 29.

Municipal officials attended special sessions and more than 30 workshops on local concerns, including the future of education financing, trends in municipal finance and affordable housing.

The program included a speech by David Pearce Snyder, lifestyles edi-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Super relaxed — Kids from the South Church youth group gathered Sunday evening at the home of Steve and Heather Bond in North Andover for a Super Bowl party. From left are Ashley Floreen and Scott Ebner of Andover, Molly Bond of North Andover, Becca Fink of Andover, Kim Worsham of North Andover and Mike Canepa of Andover.

tor of *Futurist* magazine, who examined the forces that are changing how local governments provide services to citizens. State Attorney General Thomas Reilly, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino and other state leaders discussed their priorities. Senate President Thomas Birmingham spoke about full funding of education reform and affordable housing. Clay Jenkins, a leading humanities scholar, closed the meeting on Saturday with a talk about leadership and connecting with citizens.

More than 180 exhibitors offered state-of-the-art products and services to municipalities.

For the second year in a row, Andover's Safety Committee won the

Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association's certificate of achievement for municipalities over 20,000 in population in recognition of an excellent safety year with minimal workers compensation injuries.

MMA members honored outgoing president, Easton selectman William Hardin, for his leadership during the past year and the board of directors selected new officers for 2000.

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Town budget requests: Here we grow again?

By Neil Fater

If town department heads get their way, there will be a lot of new faces around the town water cooler next year.

Department heads have requested the equivalent of 20 new full-time positions, at a combined salary for fiscal year 2001 of more than \$700,000. And this does not include any of the new employees sought by the school department.

The 19 full-time town positions range in starting salary from \$50,000 per year for a library network administrator, to \$25,000 per year for a community services office assistant. There are also two half-time positions requested, creating the equivalent total of 20 full-time positions.

But it seems unlikely that all of these desired positions will reach 2000 Town Meeting for a vote.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has declared that Andover's town-side budget should not increase by more than 6 percent this year.

"With our 6-percent limit, I don't see us being able to support (all of the requested) new positions. We'll do what we can, but there will be some disappointed department heads," Stapczynski has told selectmen.

Stapczynski would not reveal his recommended hires early this week. He's been planning his recommended budget, and is expected to supply a copy of that to the Finance Committee by tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4.

FinCom Chairman Don Schroeder

says his committee will need to see why the departments want these 20 positions before offering an opinion, but it's clear that even the idea of adding 20 new people to the salary rolls gets his attention.

"Overall, 20 positions, just the number is inflationary from what we've done in past years," says Schroeder. "It's a big jump. Historically, the new positions we've added, I don't think have totaled 20."

Last year, ignoring school hires, the town budget funded seven new positions, including four new firefighters, two police officers and a new youth services position.

Andover's personnel grew from 305.9 employees to 334 employees from fiscal years 1994 to 1999, an average of less than six per year, according to the 1998

FinCom report.

"The Finance Committee will be interested to see what we're doing differently (this year)," says Schroeder. "But it's hard to tell you any feeling until we actually see that budget."

The police department is seeking 4.5 of the new positions for three patrol officers, one dispatcher and one half-time animal control officer.

The public works department wants three new positions, plant and facilities seeks 2.5 new workers, and the accounting and community development departments want two new positions each.

The assessor's office, purchasing, elder services, youth services, community services and the library each want one additional employee.

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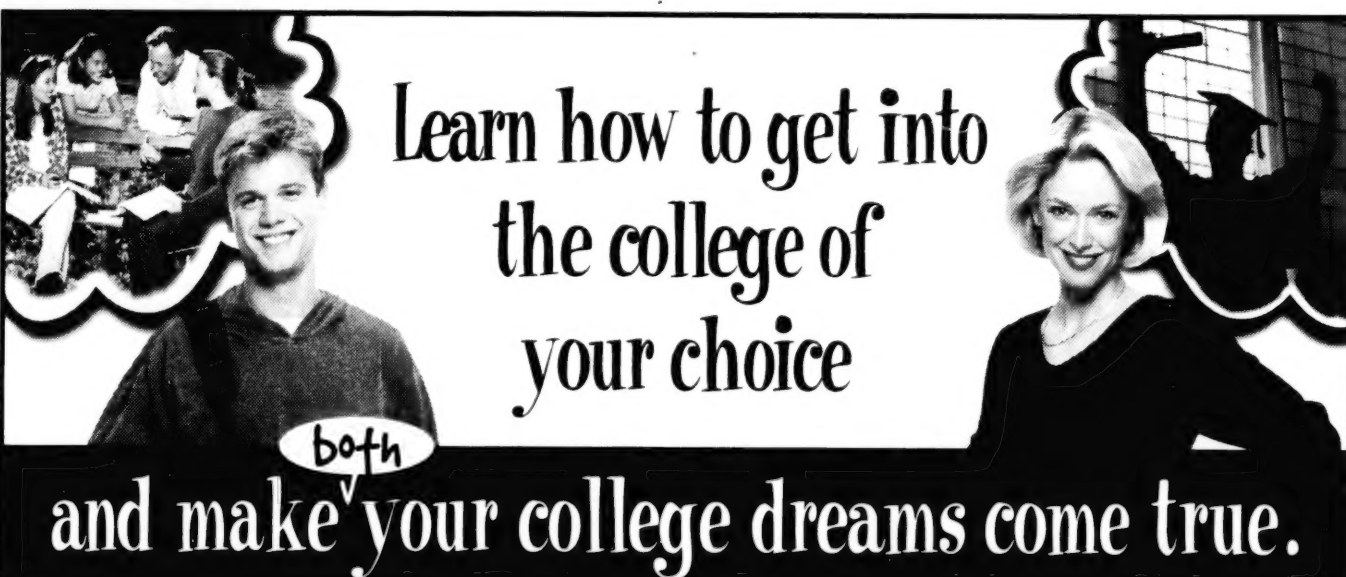


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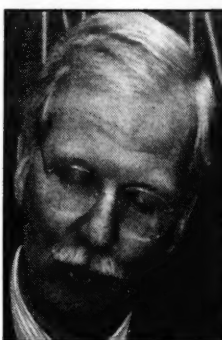
By Taylor Armerding

Andover Bank president Gerald Mulligan says in the world of banking, there are certain times "when you have to decide if you're going to buy or sell."

His answer for this certain time was obvious last week, as Andover Bancorp Inc. announced an agreement to acquire GBT Bancorp Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Gloucester Bank and Trust Co., a Massachusetts-chartered commercial bank with assets of \$131.5 million.

Gloucester will continue to operate under its own name, as a subsidiary of Andover. The agreement is expected to be completed before the end of the second quarter of the year, and must be approved by the Gloucester shareholders.

"We think we have to grow," Mulligan says. "We need to continue to get shareholder value, and we have such great penetration locally



Gerald Mulligan

that we needed to look a little bit beyond (this region). Gloucester is a little bit of a jump, but not too much."

The deal, he says, should be good for both institutions, since Gloucester is a commercial bank while Andover has focused more on residential and construction lending.

"Commercial loans have a higher yield, or what we call 'interest margin,'" Mulligan

says.

Andover is more than 11 times the size of Gloucester in terms of assets, at nearly \$1.5 billion, and eight times its size in terms of employees. Gloucester employs about 40 people, while Andover employs more than 300. Mulligan says he thinks it makes sense to acquire a smaller institution "so that you know who's in control. When you do a merger with others of the same size, it's hard to get the savings you need to justify it."

He says he expects some jobs to be eliminated from Gloucester, but since there are openings at Andover, "I think almost everybody will be offered an opportunity to work here if they wish. Otherwise, they will receive a fair severance."

Under the terms of the agreement, Gloucester shareholders may elect to receive cash of \$20.50 per share or .7543 shares of Andover Bancorp Inc. common stock, or a combination thereof to the extent available. Based on a closing price last Wednesday of \$26.75 per share of Andover Bancorp common stock, the transaction had a total value of approximately \$16.2 million of which \$8.1 million will be paid in cash. This price represents a deposit premium of 7.4 percent.

In accordance with the agreement, Gloucester granted Andover Bancorp an option to acquire, under certain terms and conditions, up to 19.9 percent of Gloucester's common stock at \$20.50 per share.

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Suddenly, a houseful of candidates for the AHA

By Neil Fater
and Rebecca Lipchitz

Suddenly, there are a number of candidates in the house.

Just one week after town clerk Randy Hanson reported that no one had expressed any interest in running for the Andover Housing Authority, five residents have taken out papers to run.

Assuming all those who have taken out papers return them, the only uncontested major race on the 2000 town ballot will be for School Committee.

Skip Eccles, who will complete his first three-year term on the committee next month, is running for reelection.

The seat vacated by committee member Tim McCarron, who announced that does not plan to run for reelection, would be filled by parent Gerry Gustus, who says he supports the current committee, but wants to add a parent's voice to the group.

Prospective candidates for all offices have until Tuesday, Feb. 8, to take out and return papers.

"People can take them out Friday and return them Monday. That's happened to me before," says Hanson.

Hanson also says it is not unprecedented for so many people to decide to run at the last minute.

However, the influx of five potential candidates means that in one week's time the housing authority has gone from being a position no one wanted to being the most hotly contested race on the ballot.

The five candidates who have taken out papers for housing authority are Michael Frishman, of 230 Andover St.; Charles Erban, of 249 Lowell St.; Francis O'Connor, of 22 Railroad St.; Ruth Doyle, of 170 Elm St.; and Stuart MacIntire, of 4 Buchan Road.

With incumbent Selectman Larry Larsen electing not to run again, it appears there will be four people running for two selectmen seats. Kevin Cuff, Ted Teichert, Don Robb and incumbent Brian Major have taken out papers to run, and all but Cuff have already returned their papers.

Incumbent Jim Doherty will face challenger John Doyle in the moderator's race to see who directs Town Meeting. Doherty has already returned his nomination papers.



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Put brakes on spending

Perhaps Andover department heads got an early copy of President Clinton's State of the Union address, in which the operative words were "more" and "increase."

Whatever the reason, local departments are definitely in the "more" mode, seeking to add the equivalent of 20 full-time employees to the town payroll — a personnel increase of more than three times the average of the last six years. And that doesn't even count what the schools may seek.

The town manager, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, charged with converting budget fantasies into realities, should of course not reject these requests out of hand. They should consider them carefully. But there are a number of good reasons to challenge them as well.

• Day after day, week after week, there are reports and stories about the fact that a major reason for the booming economy is that businesses are becoming more efficient. That means they are doing more with less.

The town seems to want to head in the opposite direction. Is there something wrong with this picture?

• Yes, economic times are good — very good. People are making more money, and that always tends to fuel the desire of government to argue that when people make more, it should take more.

But adding personnel, unlike a capital project, is not a one-time expense. This will be expected to be permanent. Beyond that, such built-in expenses will grow, as salaries and benefits continue their inevitable march upward.

The town's fiscal custodians should be very careful before building expenses into the budget on the assumption that the good times will roll forever. They never have. They won't. And when they end, the town could be left trying to carry more employees than it can afford.

• The town is already spending big bucks for schools, a new public safety center and sewers. When they are finished, there will be a demand for even more new employees. Is there a compelling reason to start inflating the payroll ahead of time?

Andover voters are historically generous. But there is a limit to what they will support. This may not be the best year to start testing that limit.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Crazy? Well, probably a little. But it's all for a good cause. From left, Wayne Demers, Lisa Doucett, Larry Ginsberg and Pete Carlson pose in the Park, getting ready for Sunday's Polar Plunge fund-raiser in Boston Harbor, to benefit the Massachusetts Foundation for Children.

All you need to know about the Super Bowl



Taylor Armerding

I'm a pro football illiterate.

The last time I followed the game with any intensity at all was during the era when Dick Butkus and Mike Ditka played for the Chicago Bears (At least I think it was Da Bears ...).

A bunch of my college friends were big Bears fans (this was near Chicago, as you might guess) and I went along just to maintain some social credibility.

But that was a very long time ago, as you can tell either by adding up the years since those guys could actually play, or by simply looking at the photo that goes with this column.

To give you some idea of how far out of the pro football loop I am, it took Bob Edwards, the host of *Morning Edition* on National Public Radio, to inform me last Friday that the Tennessee Titans had previously been the Houston Oilers. I did have some dim recollection that the Rams had played somewhere in California until a few years ago, but that was only because

they kept the same name when they moved to St. Louis.

So I guess I can't complain that I got no Super Bowl party invitations. Zero, zilch, nix, nada, nyet, none.

Still, I'm deeply wounded. Because we all know that the Super Bowl isn't really about football. The game is simply an excuse for a wild, week-long party in some southern city, for music stars to entertain zillions of people across the world, for men of all ages to ogle scantily clad cheerleaders while pretending to pay attention to the guys in helmets and pads, and for water departments across the nation to see if they can cope with unanimous toilet flushes during time outs and half time.

All that and, of course, supposedly the best TV commercials you'll see all year.

Clearly it is somebody like me, who is not a football fan, who can review the stuff that is really important. I don't get distracted by the game.

So in spite of the fact that my self-image has taken a beating by the obvious rejection, I'm going to return good for evil, and present a review of Super Bowl 2000, since so many of you need a little summary of what went on.

Yeah, yeah, I know you watched the pre-game show, and the pregame show, and the game and the post-game show. But I also know how much strong drink is served at these parties, and I suspect you don't recall

much of it.

I, on the other hand, free of any social distractions, just sat there in the dark and watched — alone and stone, cold sober. I don't remember all that much either, but probably more than you do.

• **Bottom line:** You may already know this, but the guys with the yellow pants won the game. I like to get the end of the story up there at the beginning. That's what they teach us at the big journalism seminars.

• **Economics lesson:** Now it should be clear why all those dot.com companies aren't making any money. They're spending it all on Super Bowl ads. Here their price-earnings ratios are practically upside down, and they're dumping a couple million into 30 seconds of video images they hope are going to penetrate male brains that have been addled by beer and Cheez Whiz.

• **Where-are-they-now Lesson I:** I always wondered what had happened to Ditka after he stopped playing for the Bears. And it was a little bit confusing. In one commercial, where he was pitching for a video rental chain, he confided in a just-between-us whisper that he hoped we'd rent something, since he couldn't afford to "lose this job too."

And then in another one, it said he had "retired" just last Thursday. Do you think that means he got fired last

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Letters

Local trails need a full-time manager

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Andover's trails and conservation lands are treasures on a winter day — and not bad in the other seasons either. Visit them on a cold winter day and you will see that they are not simply the lands that no one cares about. They are laced with the tracks of walkers, skiers, bikers, sledgers and wildlife. Andover is blessed with as good a trail system and network of conservation lands as you can find anywhere this close to Boston. Town residents have worked hard to create this legacy — an important part of our town's identity and quality of life.

It is time for the town to establish a new staff position dedicated to the stewardship of our conservation lands and their interconnecting trails. To protect the investment our community has made in these properties, we need a more active management program, which builds on our town's strong tradition of volunteerism. The value of these lands to our community for conservation, education, recreation and wildlife is too great to let them be neglected.

The Conservation Commission has its hands full enforcing regulations and bylaws. Attend a meeting of the Conservation Commission and you have to be impressed with the diligence and intelligence with which it protects our interests.

Likewise, historically town volunteers have contribute time and resources to build our proud network of trails and conservation properties. The new position should and could be designed so it would strengthen the town's partnership with our volunteer organizations.

The Andover Trails Committee will continue to commit time and raise funds for projects to improve access to Conservation Commission lands. I urge the town manager to look at creative ways to add a new position of town open space manager to continue the town's investment in conservation.

Steve Golden
13 Robandy Road
Andover Trails Committee

Secret records mean a lack of accountability

Editor, *Townsmen*:

When the purpose for keeping a record secret has expired, the document, by definition, must immediately become a public record.

On December 6, 1999 I requested the release of all executive session minutes of all meetings held by the Town of Andover whose reason for executive privilege to withhold these documents was no longer required.

Students deserve our support fighting hatred

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Like Mr. Shapiro, I agree with Tim McCarron's assessment that the tolerance of diversity should be an integral part of our school curriculum ("Schools should instruct in diversity," *Townsmen*, Jan. 27), and wanted to write about what is going on in our schools.

Last year, in the wake of the Columbine High School tragedy, another South School parent and I began a new chair within our PTO that we named the "Diversity Initiative." Our idea was to continue the dialogue prompted by the senseless violence in Colorado. Diversity tolerance need not always be thought of as ethnic-based. Sometimes, it is as insidiously simple as who wears eyeglasses, who is overweight, or who otherwise is deemed as someone who does not fit in.

For me, the root of this idea was formed when a group of students came before the School Committee last year to talk about the shootings. Chief among the lessons I learned that night was that a measure of intolerance does indeed exist in our schools. They did not feel it was of epidemic proportions, but nonetheless, it was undeniably there. They also related that while being taught "adult-to-student" was important, this was a subject that was best learned "student-to-student." To that end, I have been searching for a way to incorporate that into South.

The "Open Circle: Social Competency Program" being used at the West Elementary (featured in the Jan. 20 *Townsmen*) certainly does that. It allows for a teacher-facilitated time where students can air their differences, concerns, fears, what have you, in a safe and secure environment. The South School is also planning to incorporate this program. South School Principal Dr.

Eileen Woods has invited parents to take this course along with her staff, an opportunity of which our PTO plans to avail itself. But we can do more.

Now it's a new year, and this year it was Andover in the spotlight. The swastika incident at the high school would appear to afford us an opportunity for dialogue. Once again, a group of students has come before the School Committee. They bring with them a wonderful idea, a banner they created called Hands Against Hatred. They are asking the community to rally to them, as they do not want this to be a one-shot deal, and let's-see-who-the-media-focuses-on-next-year. They deserve our support.

I believe they intend to hold an evening meeting for the community to attend and brainstorm how their idea can be incorporated system-wide. I hope this event is well publicized by the paper and well attended by the town. I can think of many ways this program can grow within our schools and be driven by the students whose idea it was. It would be a shame if we slip back into the comfortable notion that this incident was an aberration that will not happen again. I cannot think of a more sure way to insure that it WILL happen again.

I invite parents, town-wide, to call me about starting a Diversity Initiative in your PTO. It will take much effort to keep this subject in the light it needs to be in. I also invite the students driving this idea at the high school to get in touch with me. I would love to share my thoughts and energies into keeping this idea alive and helping you in moving it forward.

Gerry Gustus
5 Fern Rd.

(Gerry Gustus is a candidate for School Committee.)

ly. We all know important decisions are made behind closed doors without the public's knowledge or input. We also know that is a lack of public information and accountability in this town. That is why Town Meeting voted to tape and transcribe all regular and executive meetings of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Ironically the same officials who mismanaged millions of dollars in the high school fiasco have refused to transfer a few thousand dollars from existing funds to finance an initiative that, for the first time in this town's memory, enables citizens to measure real accountability of public officials. I believe officials are doing a disservice to the community by using the excuse that they ran out of money, in order to continue their practice of secrecy. I find this decision inexcusable and very disturbing.

Dennis A. Teves
8 Mohawk Drive

Running for a world without cancer

Editor, *Townsmen*:

A special thanks to Neil Fater for putting into words my story ("Marathon man runs for cancer cure," *Townsmen*, Jan. 27). As a result of this story and the accompanying pledge form on page 18, the response has been simply tremendous.

My original dream of crossing the finish line at the Boston Marathon on April 17 has turned into a huge "cause" to help the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to one day have a world without cancer.

The generosity of so many people who have sent pledges to me on behalf of our dear friend, Nancy Rudomen, and all of our loved ones who are fighting their battle against cancer every day has been a very emotional experience for me. We are making a tangible contribution through the Dana-Farber marathon challenge 2000 program.

Roy Dennehy
Wild Rose Drive

Election letters policy

The *Townsmen* will print letters in support of candidates for local office through the March 16 edition.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, with a name, address and telephone number for verification. Telephone numbers will not be printed. The *Townsmen* welcomes e-mailed letters, sent to tarmending@andover-townsmen.com

Letters are most effective, and are most likely to be read, when they are brief and to the point.

The request was denied by the town manager on the basis that it was too indefinite. I structured my request according to the requirements suggested by Ms. Gould, an attorney in the Secretary of State's office. Massachusetts' Public Records Law provides that each and every citizen has an absolute right to access public information and does not require a citizen to specifically identify a record. There is no reason for not releasing these records.

By ignoring the law, officials are denying Andover citizens the right to know if the decisions made behind

closed doors are in their best interests.

When a request is made for public information, the response must be either an offer to provide the materials or a written denial with the specific statutory exemption that applies, and always within 10 days. Failure to provide public records is clearly a violation of Public Records Law.

The 10 days are up and none of the exemptions apply for withholding minutes of meetings.

I urge the selectmen to comply with the law by releasing all executive minutes of meetings immediate-

Youth center ...

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resident Jim Arnold, owner of Sport Court, on property owned by Merrimack College ("Youth center unveiled," *Townsmen*, Oct. 14, 1999)?

Arnold says the offer to include a youth center as part of an athletic complex for the college is still very much on the table.

"The Merrimack proposal was an offer extended by Brian Major and my company to the town, which to date has not been formally turned down by anybody from the town," he says.

But, Arnold says, a youth center is not necessary to make that project go forward.

"Actually it would make things infinitely easier (if a youth center were not included)," he says, "because involving a public entity complicates everything. We were extending the offer as a courtesy."

Bill Fahey, the town's director of youth services, says he doesn't have a preference for either proposal. "My preference is simply that the community come together on a proposal," he says, adding that he believes there is tremendous community support for a center, "but people are just waiting for what to support."

Fahey says he has looked at the West Andover site, and believes "it has a lot of viability. There are going to be new schools out there, and there are already activities for youth (athletic fields) in that area."

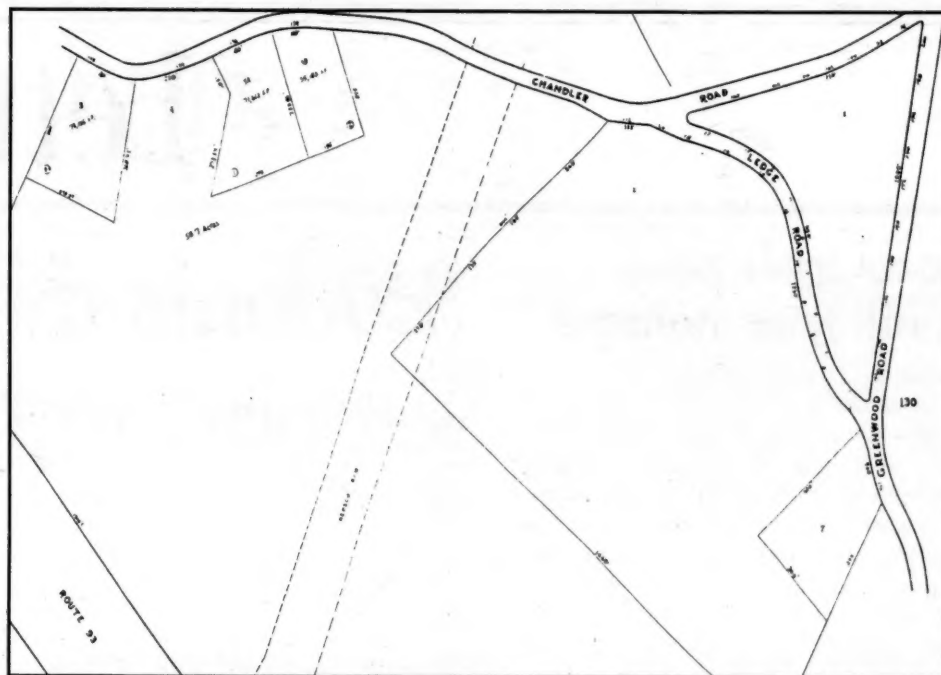
The important thing, he says, is simply to have a center. He recalls South Church pastor, Rev. Cal Mutti, asking him, "if a youth center is the answer, then what is the question?"

"I thought about that," he says, "and I think the question is: How are we as a community going to move forward and support our young people during non-school hours? And I know we can have a creative, innovative youth center to serve the families in town wherever it is."

Silverman says the foundation members are talking about developing the five-acre site in phases. The first will be a youth center of about 15,000 square feet that will house recreation areas, office space and other rooms for small- or large-group meetings. "That's going to cost \$2.2 to \$2.3 million," he says.

"Then later on we hope to build a gymnasium, and after that, there is the possibility of an indoor swimming pool."

This, he notes, will be in an area that already has recreation fields, and will have more "when they cap the dump. We're hoping that there will be room for



Build it here? The Andover Youth Foundation, incorporated last month, hopes to construct a youth center on this rectangular piece of property between Greenwood and Chandler roads. They hope to eliminate Ledge Road, to make more room for fields and other structures.

a couple of lacrosse fields and some softball fields — but that would be up to the town," he says.

While the group hopes Town Meeting voters will agree to donate the land, which had previously been considered — and rejected — as a site for a new senior center, Silverman says funding

for the construction and site development will come from private donations.

He says there will be more discussion of the design of the center at the group's next meeting, Feb. 16. He says the group hopes to "eliminate Ledge Road," and also leave room for the expansion of the West Andover fire station in the future.

Super Bowl ...

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Thursday?

• **Where-are-they-now Lesson II:** Last time I saw Ringo Starr, he was sort of stumbling around on a stage, trying to dance to one of his ancient solo hits, "It Don't Come Easy."

Now the guy's an investment counselor, pitching for Schwab with all sorts of sophisticated words like, "asset allocation" to other Jurassic rockers.

Cool.

• **Best segue:** We take a break from the half-time show, filled with superstar singers like Enrique Iglesias and Phil Collins, who can at least carry a tune, directly into a commercial featuring a collection of people singing *We are the Champions of the World*, all

of them horribly off key.

That's one way to make the half-time singers look good.

• **Most shameless marketing ploy:** Presumably, the reason millions of people watch this spectacle is because they want to watch modern-day gladiators perform what columnist George Will has appropriately called "violence punctuated by committee meetings."

But how are promoters going to fill five hours of pre-game hype with game highlight film? So what they have to do, of course, is present all the players as real people, starring in their own little video commercials.

One of them can "do it all." But we find that what he means by that is that he can fix computer problems with the stroke of a single key, diagnose sophisticated health problems and fix your car. Another one takes his open-field running skills to the grocery

store.

See, they're just regular people, confronted with the same daily challenges as the rest of us. The only thing that separates them from you and me is a few million dollars.

Yeah, I can buy that. I'm starting to really care about these guys.

• **Sorriest rehash:** Whatever was left of the original Lynyrd Skynyrd slogging their way through a nicely packaged cover of *Sweet Home Alabama*.

It was clean and neat, all the notes were in place. But they all looked bored out of their minds.

Besides, what did that have to do with the defining moment in pro football — the Super Bowl?

But then, what did any of this have to do with football?

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerding@andovertownsmen.com

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If you would like more information on how to get your child's dental experience off to a good start, we welcome your call at 475-2431. We also hope you'll celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month with us. The American Dental Association designates February as a time to increase dental awareness and to stress the importance of regular dental care. Participate in this event with an appointment for complete dental care at 296 Lowell Street, Rt 133, with easy access off Rt 93.

P.S. Until a child's primary teeth come in, use a dampened washcloth to clean his or her gums daily.

Education

Students make the most of their summer

While students often sign up for extra-curricular activities to round out their college applications, a few Andover High School students are touting the benefits of extra-curricular summer programs for their experiences alone.

Phillips Academy holds its Summer Opportunities Fair on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. in the Commons dining hall on Salem Street.

Charlie Gregory, 18, an AHS senior, has been caught in longshore currents and riptides, eaten fruits he couldn't name, and snorkeled in placed practically untouched by man.

At 16, he took a three-week trip with Interlocken, an adventure trip organizer, to the Caribbean from Trinidad to a small island called Bequia.

"I have an affinity for the ocean," says Gregory, who keeps a fish tank in every room in his house.

Besides meeting fish he's never met before, Gregory says the trip included some culture shock on land as well.

"It was almost more culture than I wanted," he says of his stop on Caribbean islands where trip leaders let students fend for themselves in finding food.

"KFC was the only thing we recognized, so we weren't allowed to go there," he says.

He discovered kinips, a fruit he found that he enjoys but may never find in America. He also snorkeled under waterfalls, and snorkeled at night, touching sleeping puffer fish and watching jellyfish glow, full of luminescent micro-organisms.

He encountered mainstream and peripheral ways of life on the islands, including researchers who live in the rain forests and carry machetes to Rastas, who survive with a hut and a cow.

"I didn't know people lived like that," he says.

Gregory paid for the trip, which cost more than \$2,400, with an inheritance left specifically for educational purposes.

"It gave me a broader outlook on the world," he says.

Gregory plans to attend the College of William and Mar next year, possibly as a double major in biology and engineering.

Senior Stephanie Vorley took the dry route. She spent a summer on a Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona for a combination of outdoor living and cultural education.

While some programs focus more on physical endurance, Vorley says she wanted to be roughing it but was more interested in learning about another culture.

In addition to the program fee, she had to raise \$300 for supplies needed to help repair the reservation. Once she arrived, work included re-roofing homes and making

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PA Russian teacher goes national to increase enrollments

By Rebecca Lipchitz

As the newly appointed president of a national association of Russian language teachers, Phillips Academy's Dr. Peter Merrill says the prospect of increasing enrollment in Russian language classes across the country will be a challenge.

"What I find overwhelming is trying to alter the way Americans think about foreign language," Merrill says.

If he were teaching at another school, his program would have likely been eliminated by now.

"It's unusual for a program like this to exist," he says of the Russian program at PA. For schools making an effort to provide such a program, if enrollment drops, the program dies.

"There is more frustration in year-to-year survival," he says.

Phillips' commitment to foreign languages has kept Merrill on board since 1989. He also works with another teacher of Russian at Phillips.

While other schools — public and private — may be willing to fund a world language program that includes Russian, few have the resources, especially when class sizes are dwindling.

When he graduated from college as a Russian scholar, Merrill says he had two choices.

"It was either spy or teach," he says.

As the newly appointed president of the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR), Merrill may be more qualified to bring attention to the study of Russian than Russians themselves.

He has been an assistant professor of Germanic and Slavic languages and literatures at the University of Maryland at College Park, a visiting lecturer in the Russian department of Bryn Mawr College and assistant director of programs in Leningrad for the University of New Hampshire.

A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, he earned degrees in Russian language and literature from the University of Pennsylvania, and a masters degree in linguistics and a



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Russian into things — Dr. Peter Merrill, head of the Russian Department at Phillips Academy, was named president of the American Councils of Teachers of Russian. He hopes more students will recognize the benefits of foreign language studies, especially Russian.

Ph.D. in Slavic languages and literature from the University of California.

He was first inspired to study Russian by a professor he met in ninth grade at Phillips Exeter, who encouraged him to study difficult languages when he was young.

"That's fairly common in looking at people's decision-making process in foreign language. Not much is rational," he says.

While Russian may not be the most popular language with students, national security agencies and defense programs are scrambling to find Russian-speaking employees to replace their retiring ranks.

They are also short of Chinese and Arabic speaking employees, Merrill says.

"There are two principal reasons for (teaching Russian), aside from putting food on the table: competitiveness in the business world and national security," he says.

He hopes to use the Washington-based connections of the ACTR, a division of the American Councils for International Education, to help draw attention to the value of learning Slavic languages, and the economic opportunities for its students.

For example, students need to be reminded that French is also a principal language of Africa.

"It's not just so you can go to Quebec," he says.

While PA may have a comprehensive program, it does little to prove its worth to the community, he says.

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Summer programs

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other repairs, and working on the farm of a medicine man.

While it wasn't easy, Vorley says she would recommend it to most students.

"You do really have to want to do it, but I've already told everyone how awesome it is," she says.

One once-in-a-lifetime experience was performing the Sun Dance with the Navajo people in a sacred space that, after this year, will no longer be available to the tribe.

"The government wants to

mine uranium. I'm still trying to figure out how that's legal. It makes me sick," she says.

The summer she attended, Vorley participated in the Sun Dance, in which men pierce their chests in an effort to understand the pain of labor experience by women, and women pierce their arms to understand the pain of others.

"It's about self and strength," Vorley says. "I came back a totally changed person."

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Carter named dean of PA faculty

Stephen D. Carter, of Andover, has been named dean of faculty at Phillips Academy by Head of School Barbara Landis Chase. He will succeed Philip Zaeder, who is retiring at the end of the academic year.

Carter has been an instructor in mathematics at Phillips since 1980, and dean of students and residential life since 1995. He has also been a house counselor, coach, cluster dean and associate

dean of studies/scheduling officer. Carter has a Sc.B. degree from Brown University and an M.A.L.S. degree from Wesleyan University.

"Steven brings to this position the right mix of experience, understanding, skills and energy," says Chase. "He has proven himself to be an unwavering advocate for the needs of Andover's faculty."

Counseling for parents on college admissions

Parents of juniors are invited to attend "Choice, Not Chance," a program of the Andover High School Counseling Department for parents on the college selection and application process.

The first session is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Collins Center at Andover High. Sessions are also scheduled for Mondays March 6, April 3 and May 22.

Topics of discussion include finding resources, visiting colleges, narrowing choices, and beginning the application process.

The meeting Feb. 7 will include a panel of parents of seniors who will discuss their best resources.

Andover High School Guidance Department counselors will discuss admissions criteria and take questions.

For information call Allison Brown Collins, Counseling Department Program Advisor at the High School, 623-8602.

Russian teacher

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A public school would likely hold a "Russian night," bringing parents and middle school siblings to an event of Russian culture that would later serve to encourage students entering high school.

"Russian wouldn't seem so weird," he says.

But PA students are from all over the country, and the world, making it more difficult to show how well the program works, he says.

He also hopes to encourage language study in earlier grades.

"The best window of opportunity for learning languages has past in high school," Merrill says.

Student today also learn fewer foreign languages, he says. Requirements in science have risen, appropriately so, Merrill says, but the result is less time to study foreign language.

He hopes the position will also send him back to Russia, since he has not visited in 15 years, he says.

He has often visited Germany while researching cognition, culture and second-language acquisition.

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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of Feb. 7-11:

Elementary schools

Monday: Egg omelet with hash browns, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, pizza with salad, green beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, pizza dippers with puffs, french toast and sausage, peas, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, baked chicken nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, cranberry sauce, sweet potato, milk.

Thursday: Hot dogs with fries, cheeseburger with puffs, french toast with sausage, green beans, pears, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Two tacos with rice, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, baked chicken nuggets, corn, pineapple, milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, baked nuggets and puffs, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Pork chop with potatoes, bagel with scrambled egg and sausage, cheeseburger with fries, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas with rice, baked nuggets and puffs, stuffed crust pizza vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey dinner, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, chicken McSchool, vegetable, fruit, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, baked nuggets and puffs, nachos with taco meat and cheese, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza wedge, ilio olio with sausage, bologna and cheese sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas with rice, stuffed crust pizza wedge, pasta with meatballs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza wedge, eggplant parmesan, bologna and cheese sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Pork chops with mashed potatoes, stuffed crust pizza wedge, pasta, ilio olio with sausage, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Two hot dogs with beans, stuffed crust pizza wedge, pasta with meatballs, bologna and cheese sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Menus subject to change.

McDermott appointed technology coordinator for Tech School

Thomas McDermott has been appointed technology coordinator for the Greater Lawrence Technical School district.

McDermott steps into a demanding and challenging position at a time when Greater Lawrence is restructuring and preparing for reaccreditation and a building expansion, according to Superintendent-Director Frank S. Vacirca.

McDermott grew up in Methuen and graduated from the Tech School in 1980 after finishing four years in the electronics program, and completed his cooperative education placement at Western Electric (now Lucent Technologies).

He was employed at Wang Laboratories for four years before returning to Greater Lawrence in 1984 as an instructor in the electronics department.

ment.

McDermott developed curriculum components for computer-aided engineering and the A+ Certification training.

He also taught computer and networking courses at Northern Essex Community College.

McDermott is married to the former Lisa Daly. They have two children, Brianna and Declan.

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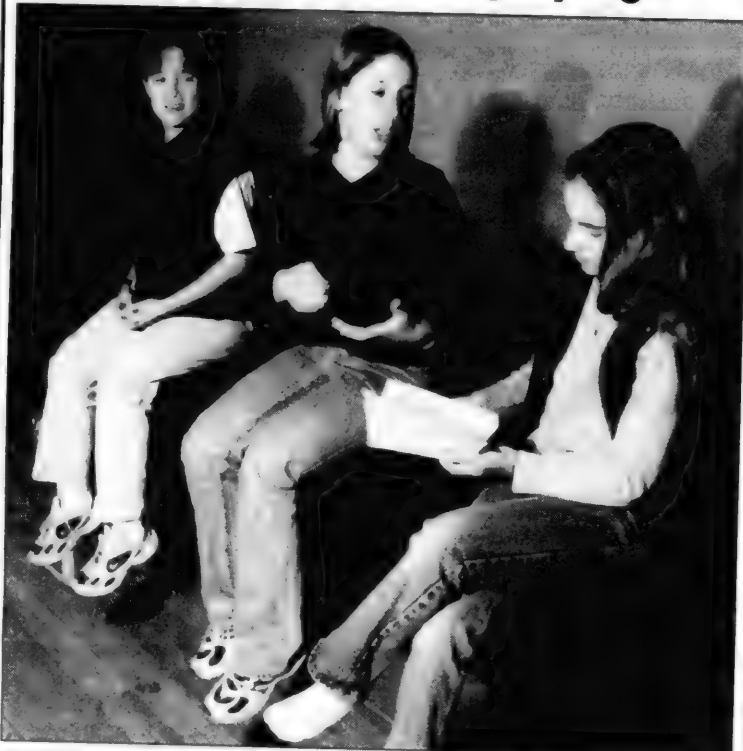
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'Alice in Wonderland' playing Feb. 4-5 at Doherty



◀ From left, Doherty Middle School Drama Club members Aileen Malloy, Anne Sharp and Brianna Levy rehearse for this weekend's two performances of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Two evenings with Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the Rabbit will take place Friday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at Doherty Middle School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at Strawberry Tree, Doherty Drama Club and on the evening of the performances. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 623-8750 for more information.



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Addressing two Queens and Alice - The Drama Club members seated at the table, (from left) Brianna Levy, Anne Sharp and Aileen Malloy, explain to the character Mutton, played by Alana Cuneo (sitting on the table), that they would never dream of "taking a slice of anything they've been introduced to." Brianna, filling in during rehearsal for Reena Patel as the White Queen, will play the part of Tweedle Dee. Anne is Alice during Act 2, and Aileen plays the Red Queen. "Off with his head!!!"



Playing the hand they were dealt - Alana Cuneo helps adjust Sarah Linne-man's Seven of Spades costume. Other cast members modeling cards during rehearsal are: Ashley Emmons (Two of Spades), Teddi Givens (Three of Clubs), Kerri McCormack (Two of Clubs), and Jaclyn Harrold (Five of Spades).

GEOGRAPHY BEE RESULTS

Doherty, West middle schools hold 1999-00 National Geography Bee

Scott Silverstein wins Doherty Middle School Geography Bee

Scott Silverstein, an eighth-grade student at Doherty Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on Jan. 12, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 12th annual National Geography Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

The kick-off for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 29, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Scott, have recently taken a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 7.

Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Silverstein of Andover.

J.J. Fagenbaum wins West Middle School Geography Bee

In the most competitive finals of the 12 years the West Middle School has competed in the National Geography Bee, J.J. Fagenbaum emerged as the school-wide winner of the 1999-2000 contest. The eighth-grader on the Crew Team finished with a clean slate in the double-elimination contest in a group of 13 competitors. He received the gold medal and a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the National Geographic Society.

The other 12 finals included Matt Brennan (grade 7), Stephen Chang (7), Jeffrey Maguire (7), Angela Tenney (7), Hallie Martin (7), Gabi Barmettler (6), Darren McRoy (6), Kyle Nally (8), Alyssa Wallace (6), Jaynie Trageser (7), Daniel Eskin (8), and Dimi Linde (6).

Every student in the school

participated in the classroom phase of the contest under the supervision of the social science teacher. They included Dick Loschi, Walter Rossini and Jane Snow in grade 6; Kim Briand and Les Taylor in grade 7; and John Heidenrich, Erin Manship and Etta Wagner in grade 8. Assistant Principal Anthony Covino is the administrative adviser for the social science department.

J.J. will take a written examination that will be mailed to the National Geographic Society for scoring. Should his score rank among the 100 highest in Massachusetts, he will qualify for an invitation to the state level contest at Clark University in Worcester on April 7.

State winners will take part in the national competition on May 23 and 24 at the headquarters of the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., moderated by Alex Trebek, host of *Jeopardy!*. The national champion will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern over the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. How would you have done on this sampling of five questions:

1. The Seychelles are a group of islands in the Indian Ocean. Which continent are these located off the coast of? (Africa)

2. The Ottoman Turks beginning in the 15th century introduced the chief religion of Albania. Name this religion. (Islam)

3. Most of what country occupies the deltas of the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers? (Bangladesh)

4. In July 1998 the military ruler of Africa's largest country on the Gulf of Guinea announced elections that will return the country to civilian government. Name this country? (Nigeria)

5. The Danube River flows for about 1,800 miles before emptying into what sea? (Black Sea).

Military and Naval Academy applicants

American Legion Post 8 of Andover is accepting applications for this year's Boy's State Program, to be held June 10-16 on the campus of Stonehill College.

Post 8 sponsors several Andover students annually to this nationally-recognized program.

High school juniors should contact their guidance counselor or Post Adjutant Leo Doherty at 475-1260.

ON CAMPUS

Justin Yee of Andover, a graduate of Phillips Academy, is enrolled as a freshman at the University of Rochester. Yee is one of exceptionally talented group of students admitted this year, a spokesman said.

Rochester has been increasingly selective in the number of new students it enrolls each year, as part of a multi-year plan to create an even more intimate, residential environment.

Students have access to resources at the university's Medical Center, Eastman School of Music, Simon School of Business, and Warner School of Education.

Danielle Teves of Andover, a senior at Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., is a chaplain of the Student Government Association.

The humanities major was elected in a general election last spring. She is responsible for leading devotions and prayer at class cabinet and senate meetings and organizes and speaks in Student Government Association chapels.

The Student Government Association exists to be the voice of the students to the administration, provide ser-

vices to students, and to be a forum for discussion and action on issues relevant to students.

Three Andover students are studying abroad through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad. **Aaron Bancroft** of 43 Balmoral St., and **Emma Nowinski** of 14 Stratford Road are studying in Florence, Italy. **Kollen Cronin** of 19 Enmore St. is studying in Madrid, Spain.

The Florence program gives students the opportunity to study art history, studio art, architecture and Italian language or take a wide range of courses in the liberal arts. Students in the Madrid program may study Spanish language and literature and international business, take a wide range of courses in the liberal arts or complete internships.

Bancroft is a junior majoring in architecture at SU's School of Architecture.

Nowinski is a sophomore majoring in architecture at University of Pittsburgh.

Cronin is a sophomore majoring in sociology at SU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Laura Selima, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Selima of Andover, was initiated into

Alpha Chi, the National Scholastic Honor Society for students in their third and fourth year at Endicott College in Beverly.

The third-year student is a communications major.

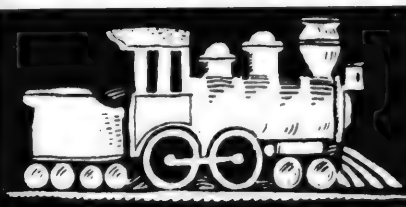
Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. To qualify, students in their junior and senior year must have a cumulative grade-point average that places them in the top 10 percent of their class.

Kathryn O'Donnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Niles C. O'Donnell of Sagamore Drive and a senior at Hamilton College, recently completed training at St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Utica, N.Y., in order to volunteer as a primary caregiver at Abraham House hospice.

Thirteen Hamilton students have begun providing bedside care for several hours each week. Duties include feeding, administering medication, bathing, dressing and preparing meals.

The biology major is a graduate of Andover High School.

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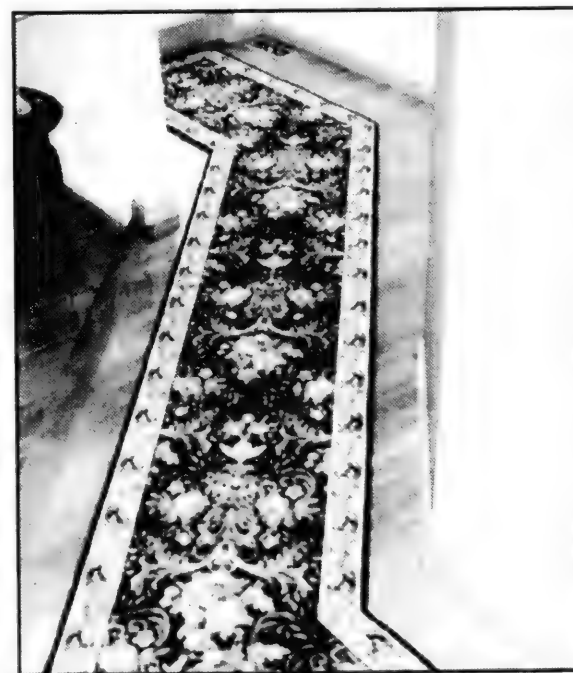
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On the previous Saturday, Jan. 29, Scouts distributed specially marked white plastic bags, leaving them tied to the front door.

After the collection, the Scouts will count and sort the canned and packaged goods for delivery to five local food pantries: Bread and Roses, Lazarus House, Neighbors in Need, People's Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul.

"In the past 12 years, this one-day event has

collected more than 50,000 non-perishable food items," says Harry Bedell, Scout coordinator with the local five pantries.

If a Scout misses your food offering, call (by noon on Saturday, Feb. 5) the Scout office in Haverhill at (800) 459-0575, or 475-2551 to have someone pick up the item. You may drop it at the sorting site, which is a loading dock of the former home of Shaw's Supermarket and Messina's Liquors in south Lawrence at Plaza One Fourteen between Rt. 114 and Union St.

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"Not My Kid; Not in Andover," an open forum on the use of drugs and alcohol and other risky behaviors of teens, and suggestions to parents for helping their children avoid destructive choices, will take place Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School media center.

The panelists will be Brian Patullo, chief, Andover Police Department; Allison Collins, program adviser, AHS Guidance Department; Steve Richardson, assistant principal, AHS; Bill Fahey, director, Andover Youth Services; and Dave Nichols, health education coordinator, Andover Public Schools. The program is presented by the Andover High School Parent Advisory Council.

All parents are encouraged to attend to learn what the problems really are.

The following are some of the events planned at West Middle School:

Monday, Feb. 7: Vicki Simms, West Middle School principal, will host her monthly coffee in the school's media center beginning at 7 p.m. Parents are invited to attend, share a cup of coffee and discuss WMS issues.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: The West Middle School PAC will hold its meeting at 7 p.m. in the WMS Media Center. Guest speaker will be Marinel McGrath, assistant superintendent of schools, who will discuss the middle school curriculum. (This meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25, was cancelled due to snow.)

Friday, Feb. 4: West Middle School will hold a Sixth-Grade Winter Dance at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 11: West Middle School will hold a Seventh- & Eighth-Grade Winter Dance at 7 p.m.

The Massachusetts Music Educators Association held its 42nd annual Northeastern Senior District concert Jan. 8 at Waltham

High School in Waltham.

Among the participating music directors and educators were Dr. Diana W. Kolben, Brandon Psenicka, Carol Prasad and Julie Diehl, all of Andover, and Vincent Monaco and William Thomas of Phillips Academy.

Andover residents in the chorus were Christine Lindsay, Dasha Bolotina, Priscilla Tien Chan, Michelle L. Kalaw, Jeffrey L. Balbuena, and Hiroyuki B. Toyoda.

Andover members of the orchestra were Efan Hsieh, Lorna Tsai, Jin Xu, Gina Tsai, Rose Grabowski, Michael Jaffe, Juliet Grawbowski and Vikas Goela.

John Kwaak and Paul Litterio, both of Phillips Academy, and Fei Huang of Andover were members of the concert band.

Kate Lundquist, the daughter of Sherry and Eric Lundquist of Ballardvale, recently won first place in figure skating at this year's Bay State Games, held at Williams College in Williamstown.

Kate, 11, won the gold medal in the preliminary division for figure skating in her age group. She is a sixth-grade student at Doherty Middle School and is a member of the North Shore Skating Club in Reading.

She has been skating with the club for the past four years.

In winning the top prize Kate completed a 1½-minute program set to the tune *Good Morning* from the musical *Singing in the Rain*. Her gold medal performance makes her eligible to compete in next year's State Games, which will include skaters from throughout the U.S.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) annually presents the Bay State Summer & Winter Games. MASF, now in its 18th year, provides quality Olympic-style athletic competitions and developmental programs for amateur athletes of the Commonwealth.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Meet the new AYC crew - The Andover Youth Council's new members, shown at the clothing drive they are currently running in Old Town Hall, are (in no particular order): Jay Sherman, adult member Colleen Georgian, Jessie Fink, Patrick Sullivan, Sam Morrison, Hillary Schofield, Diana Finegold, Jenn Aronson, Sarah Nourse, James Michelinie, Bill Fahey (director), Sarah Trumbore, Kevin Hess, Mike Beliveau, Nathan MacKenzie, Maryka Lier. Missing: Mike Hass, Gretchen Fuhr, Anna Vining, Kristen Herlihy, AYC adult member Craig Gibson, staff members Michelle DiStefano and Glenn Wilson.

News

Selectmen move to boost town's recycling efforts

By Neil Fater

Andover is taking steps to become a more eco-friendly municipality.

After a positive session with the Andover Recycling Committee at the Jan. 24 selectmen's meeting, the board adopted a policy that in broad terms supports a town-wide effort to recycle more.

The policy calls for Andover, which recycles about 30 percent of its trash, to move towards the state goal of 46 percent.

Selectmen have also asked the committee to return to them with more specific ideas within a month.

Among other ideas, Jim Curtis, recycling committee chairman, suggests the town could offer a school-centered awards program that will recognize kids who are actively involved in the recycling program.

"As you know, if you have kids, that's how you get parents involved, because they badger them," said Curtis.

Selectmen have also talked about providing some kind of small, financial incentive to other groups or individuals (see sidebar).

Though the day when people can recycle their empty milk containers at the curb may still be a ways away, some selectmen are at least considering

the idea of expanding the town's curbside recycling program as well.

Currently, the town collects paper and glass at the curbside every other week.

The recycling committee is pushing selectmen to add plastics, aluminum and corrugated cardboard to this program.

"I know why we don't do it — because of the pick-up schedule — but I don't see why we shouldn't do it," said Selectman Lori Becker. "The thing about recycling is, if it's not easy, then people won't do it."

Though selectmen did not approve an expansion of the curbside recycling program, they voted unanimously to add a second one-day collection of household hazardous waste. They supported having reciprocal events with neighboring towns, so that Andover residents can drop off their waste at a North Andover event, for instance.

Andover's public works department has also been asked to apply for a state grant so the town can distribute subsidized compost bins to residents.

Finally, selectmen voted to support a policy of having Andover workers strive to buy and use more recycled materials.

Prized salvage

Environmentalists may believe recycling is its own reward, but the town may soon offer people a financial reward as well.

As part of their effort to increase recycling in town, selectmen are considering offering a cash prize to one exceptional town recycler or group per month.

Selectman Larry Larsen says he'd like the town to offer a \$100 reward per month, similar to the reward Methuen offers in its city.

"I don't even know if we can do it legally. We'd have to explore it," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

If Andover does decide to offer a reward, Stapczynski says Public Works Director Jack Petkus would probably select the award recipient each month.

The town would use the award presentation as a positive enforcement carrot to encourage other businesses or residents to recycle more.

Selectmen said at their last meeting that they support the state goal of recycling 46 percent of all garbage by weight. However, they have not established a target date for Andover to reach this goal.

Selectmen expect to receive a recommended target date and a rewards plan from the Andover Recycling Committee this month.

— Neil Fater

Andover sends Lawrence a day's worth of water

A potential water emergency in Lawrence, Methuen and Tewksbury was over almost as soon as it began this week.

Andover and North Andover were prepared to give a hand — or perhaps, to be more precise, a hose — to the neighboring communities after a tanker spill last weekend sent 12,000 gallons of gasoline into the Merrimack River, polluting the water supply for several days.

Rick Lombardi of the state Department of Environmental Protection, which is handled the logistics of the spill, issued a press release Monday saying that the gasoline additive MTBE had been found in public drinking water samples.

"While the levels detected do not present an immediate health risk, they were above the state's drinking water guideline for long-term exposure," he said, advising residents of the affected communities to buy bottled water if they encountered a strong chemical odor or taste.

Local water officials, who began sending water to Lawrence Monday evening, said residents, especially in West Andover, could expect to see some discolored water because of the greatly increased flow through the local system.

That discoloration, or turbidity, is not harmful to health, said Andover Water and Sewer superintendent Morris Gray, adding that residents can clear it by simply letting the water run for a

while.

"They can turn on an outside faucet, or just let it run for a while in the tub," he said.

Gray said the town was prepared to provide 3 to 3.5 million gallons per day.

"We can spare that amount," Gray said, "and the (pipe) interconnections were made earlier."

Public Works Director Jack Petkus said it was relatively easy to offer water to other communities in the winter, since the demand is so much less than in the summer. "We only operate about eight hours a day now," he said, "and in the summer, it's 24 hours a day."

Petkus said both Lawrence and Methuen were back on their own supply by Tuesday. Lombardi said samples from Lawrence and Methuen showed only trace amounts of MTBE, which were "not a public health concern."

The town had been ready to provide water to Lawrence some weeks ago, when the city was rehabilitating its water treatment facility, but Gray said that turned out not to be necessary.

Gray, who has been with the department for 20 years, says as far as he knows, this is the first time that Lawrence has needed water from the town.

The local municipalities, along with residents who bought bottled water, will be reimbursed for expenses by Mobil Oil Corp., owner of the tanker that spilled the gasoline, the DEP said.

Trains to horn in again?

By Neil Fater

A noisy problem Andover residents thought had been sidetracked may be coming 'round the bend again.

Some Andover residents and officials spent much of 1995 trying to get a state waiver to silence train whistles in town. Engineers were sounding their horns at each road crossing in Andover, and the noise was waking some people in the middle of the night.

Now, the Federal Railroad Administration is considering a "Use of Locomotive Horns" rule that could bring the train whistles back, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

The proposed rule would require train horns to be blasted at every highway/rail crossing unless certain conditions are met.

The FRA believes the rule will prevent hundreds of deaths, injuries and collisions every year.

It says that in 1998, there were 3,508 highway-rail grade crossing collisions, resulting in 431 fatalities and 1,303 injuries. It claims studies show a 62-percent greater probability that highway-rail grade crossing incidents will occur at crossings where train horns are not sounded.

But the FRA also acknowledges that the horns do affect homeowners' lives, and will allow communities to establish "quiet zones," where no horns will sound, provided a set of specific safety measures are met.

The FRA says on its Web site that "If no quiet zones are established at current whistle ban locations, approximately

365,000 persons are estimated to be potentially impacted by increased noise exposure. Approximately 151,000 of them may be severely impacted."

Safety measures that must be met at each crossing in a quiet zone include: having four quadrant gates, having medians at gated crossings, establishing paired one-way streets, having a night-time closing of the crossing, and using photo-enforcement technology to catch those who run through a blinking gate light.

A quiet zone could also be acquired by meeting a combination of some of these measures and other "alternative safety measures." The alternative measures include having long-term law enforcement initiatives and "targeted public education efforts."

The FRA is accepting public comments on the proposal. More information can be found on the FRA's Web site at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/horns>.

Comments should be sent by May 26, 2000, to the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Docket Number FRA-1999-6439, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.

This spring, the FRA will also hold public hearings concerning this rule in seven states, including Massachusetts.

"Communities with existing whistle bans as of October 6, 1996 will be given a two-year grace period to plan and install (safety measures) after the rule is issued," according to the FRA. "An additional one-year grace period may be provided if public education and law enforcement programs are initiated."

Holocaust ...

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1945.

"There was no value to living. You couldn't live and you couldn't die. For five years I didn't cry. There were no tears in my heart," he said.

He lived on a daily diet of a piece of bread mixed with sawdust (a slice smaller than his palm), and two bowls of "soup" a day, "simple dishwater," Ross said.

On April 29, 1945, American soldiers of the 191 Tank Battalion and the 45th and 42nd Infantry divisions of the U.S. 7th Army arrived at Dachau, liberating inmates held by the German army.

"I cried. I kissed his boots," Ross said of the American soldier who put his arms around the starving, lice-infested 14-year-old boy who weighed 40 pounds.

Ross, whose tears caused a pause in his speech several times, said he had never seen an American flag before he was rescued by an American soldier.

"I thought it was a handkerchief," he said, holding the small flag for students to see.

He described the American soldiers as angels who rescued the inmates from hell. He remembers a gesture of compassion from the American soldier who picked him up and wiped his tears with the small flag; the soldier held the boy's head in his hand as he lay the boy down, so his head would not hit the ground.

Between the ages of 9 and 14, Ross said he was incarcerated in 10 different concentration camps.

His parents and five sisters were murdered. Two of his sisters' children were never found. His older brother, Harry, survived, but suffered more damage to his body and spirit from the torture and starvation, Ross said.



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Full house — Andover High students are captivated by the survival stories of Stephan Ross.

"Every day I saw dying. Dying from hunger, disease, exhaustion. They made you work until you died," Ross said.

He described the German SS as "worse than barbarians."

"They were so evil. There was no soul in these people. No feeling. No compassion."

His own story left students, who filled the Collins Center, wondering how he had survived.

Ross himself was hung for stealing a piece of potato he was in charged of peeling. Inmates peeled potatoes fed to German soldiers, and the skins were sold to pig farmers.

His eyes went dark and he could no longer breathe, he said, until a foreman told



Raw emotion — Stephan Ross (right) with AHS Principal Bruce MacDonald, tells of kissing the boots of an American soldier who rescued him.

the German soldier to let him down.

"He's the best potato peeler we've got," the foreman said, convincing the soldier to release the boy.

Ross's blue body dropped to its knees, he said.

Inmates who dropped to the ground from exhaustion were shot, once soldiers determined they were still alive by sticking a pencil in their nose, Ross said.

While most inmates died of starvation, some committed suicide by running into electric fences surrounding the camps.

Before he was sentenced to injection, Ross was pegged early on for death. He survived only because he ran and hid in an outhouse, so full of feces that he got stuck up to his neck.

"Did I smell it? No. I was dying. I was in agony. I couldn't not cry," he said.

He called to the first inmate who entered, but the inmate didn't see him and left in fear. He was later rescued by two men who pulled him out and left his clothes, dressing him in clothes of a man who was just murdered.

When he was found by his brother, there was no water to wash the feces from his skin, which still had open wounds from a guard's beating with a lead pipe.

For lack of water his brother could only clean him with a bucket of urine kept in the crowded barracks.

While he has lived in America since the age of 16, the torture he endured has not left him, he said. The fear of having no water led him to teach his children not to flush the toilets. He brought them to housing projects to show them how underprivileged some people are.

"I was hard on them," he said. His children have gone on to earn law degrees, he said, to catch up with him.

Ross earned three degrees only to be self-sufficient, to "make something of himself" as he could only in America, he said.

His gratitude for the opportunities afforded him in America is so great that he has supported flag anti-desecration legislation.

"Perhaps only those who have had their humanity brutally torn from them as I did can fully appreciate this great country and what its flag represents," he said.

He encourages students to be aware of their privileges, to be grateful for their families, and to reach out to veterans.

"Go to a nursing home. Talk to veterans about what they had to do to save this country from tyranny," Ross said. "You have a burden on your shoulders, to carry this freedom," he said.

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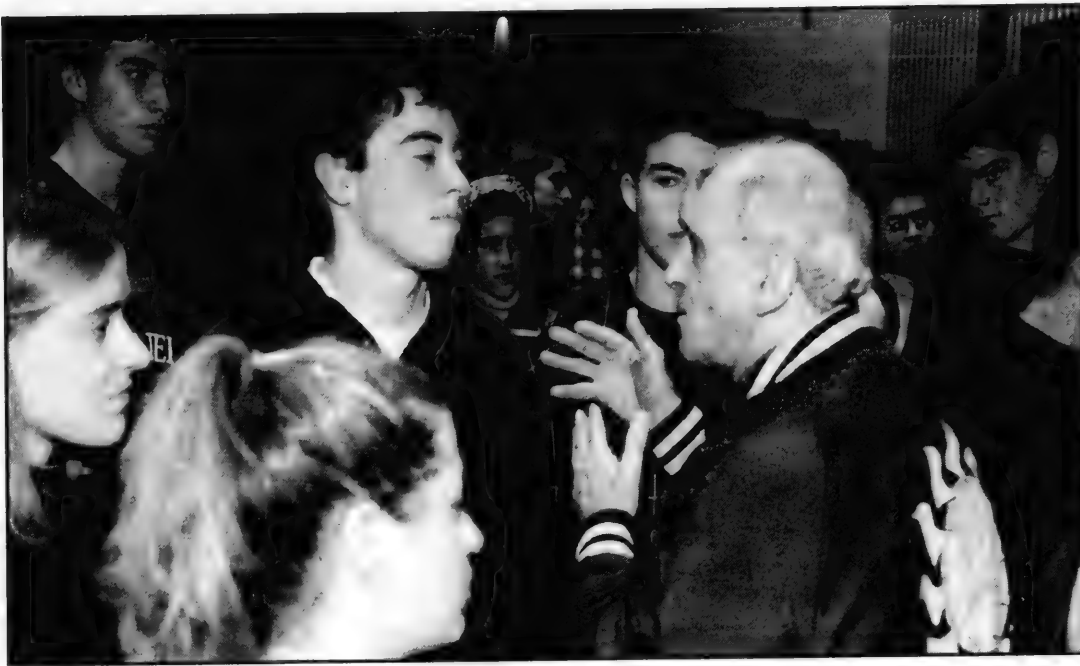


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Sobering conversation — Stephan Ross speaks with a group of AHS students who stayed after his speech to talk with him.

Students are somber and grateful

Students and staff say the visit from a survivor of the Holocaust won't be forgotten too soon.

Andover High School Principal Bruce MacDonald says staff and students appreciated the efforts of state Rep. Barry Finegold and his staff in arranging the AHS assembly with Stephan Ross.

"His account of life and death in the 10 Nazi camps, where he existed from age 9 to 14, will be remembered long after our students have forgotten the value of pi," MacDonald said.

Ross spoke to sophomores, juniors and seniors at an assembly Monday in the Collins Center.

While Ross often reminded students how more than six million Jews and five million Christians were tortured and murdered during the Holocaust, his story was ultimately one of personal struggle.

His detailed descriptions and emotional emphasis created an effect similar to a visit to the Holocaust Memorial on Congress Street in Boston, of which Ross is a founding member.

A row of six glass towers, each 50 feet high, may look like mere architecture from afar, but step inside one of the hollow glass towers, and one can see 50,000 numbers etched into the panel at eye level.

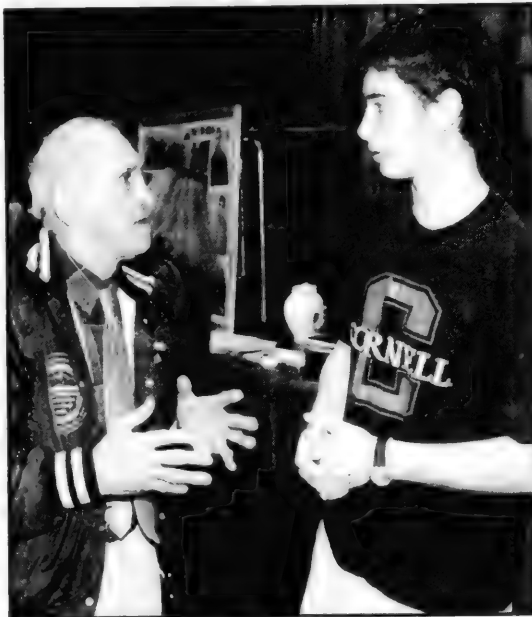
Each number represents the number assigned to a person who was incarcerated and died under Nazi Germany.

Looking up, one can see that each of 20 panels in the tower bears another 50,000 numbers. Up close, its effects are magnified.

Ross' way of drawing listeners into his story to help them understand the Holocaust on a personal level had an impact that left students somber and grateful at the end of the presentation.

Several students waited quietly in line to speak with him or shake his hand. Many of those who waited received a hug, like sophomore Ruby Nieves.

"I was very affected by what he said. It's not facts and dates. Learning from people's



Don't forget — Ross speaks with AHS student Joseph Kolchinsky.

experiences is what makes you grow and prosper. We need to be open to them," Nieves says.

She says students have a responsibility not only to remember such stories, but to "carry them on."

"Kids today are spoiled. They don't want to face reality. What if one day we forget how this country was made? Without history we lose our roots. We lose our humanity," she says.

Ross thanked the students for their attention, and thanked the teachers for allowing students to participate, adding that he was once a teacher, and knows that "it's not easy."

While Ross says he has struggled with the trauma and pain of his experiences in concentration camps, he not only believes that it is his responsibility to pass his story on to generations, but was told by adults in the camps that he must survive to tell his story.

"If people know about it, if they talk about it, it's less likely to happen again," Ross says, but mentions recent genocides that prove his mission has yet to be completed, in Rwanda, Bosnia and Cambodia.

Yet Ross showed only mercy for students accused of burning a swastika into the Andover field.

"You don't put these kids in jail. You talk to them. You tell them the meaning, and show them how painful it is to see that symbol," Ross says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz



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Selectmen hit stop button on taping meetings

By Neil Fater

Although residents at 1999 Town Meeting voted for Andover government to "henceforth" tape and transcribe all selectmen and Finance Committee meetings, town officials say they won't transcribe any of these meetings next fiscal year.

In fact, Andover will not transcribe any more selectmen's meetings this year either.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says that because no one resubmitted an article similar to the one approved last year, Andover's budget will not have money for transcribing selectmen or FinCom meetings.

"It's an annual appropriation," he says.

"(It's) not only us, but (it's) the interpretation of the Attorney General's office, that it has to be voted annually," says Stapczynski. "It was interpreted as an annual action."

But the man who championed last year's article, John Doyle, says he meant for "henceforth" to mean just that. He says he expected last year's vote to require the town to begin including a budget item for taping and transcribing the meetings every year.

"I think it was probably sufficient, but our officials of Andover want to scrub it if they can," says Doyle, of Reservation Road.

Both selectmen and the FinCom opposed Doyle's article last year, but residents approved it anyway.

Town officials argued that they already tape selectmen's meetings and approve minutes that highlight the important issues discussed. They said they felt a word-by-word transcription was unnecessary.

However, in the past selectmen did not tape their secret, or "executive sessions," and typically offered only sketchy executive meeting notes, at best. Lori Becker says that even though the \$4,000 has been used, selectmen are continuing to tape their secret meetings this year, and she expects that to continue next year as well.

Still, Doyle questions why officials would oppose creating a blow-by-blow account of their actions.

"You'd think they'd themselves impose something so you'd have accurate records," says Doyle. "But somehow people don't want their doings chronicled."

Margaret Cronin, another Town Meeting regular who believes Andover government is too secretive, questions why the town is requiring this article to be voted separately, while some lease and bond articles are folded into the annual budget after the initial approval.

"If you're going to pull one thing and (require it to be) put in the warrant every year, then there are other things they should do the same thing with," says Cronin.

The vote

At 1999 Town Meeting, residents voted strongly in favor of requiring selectmen's meetings to be taped and transcribed. They approved, in part, "a sum not to exceed \$4,000 for the first year's operation, and to require that, henceforth, all regular and special meetings of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover, including executive sessions, shall be recorded officially in their entirety... from the resulting recordings of which transcripts shall be made."

An identical article was approved requiring the taping and transcription of FinCom meetings.

When the \$4,000 for transcribing FY 2000 selectmen's meetings was exhausted recently, the town stopped transcribing meetings. Stapczynski asked the FinCom if it would transfer money from the town's reserve fund to pay for transcribing the rest of the selectmen's FY 2000 meetings, but the FinCom voted against it.

This vote was no surprise, as the FinCom rarely approves transferring money from this account because it's earmarked for "unanticipated expenses."

"Normally, unless it's something unforeseen, we would not approve," says FinCom Chairman Don Schroeder.

"The fund from which we appropriate money is for emergencies, and this wasn't an emergency," says Margaret Jurgen, FinCom vice-chairwoman. "That's the criteria, that it be used for emergency appropriations."

Cronin says the FinCom was right to refuse to dip into the reserve fund.

"But let me tell you something. This community, when it wants something, it can find the money. They find it some-

where," says Cronin. "But they don't want to here because they don't want to be held accountable."

Schroeder says it is not for the FinCom to decide if money should be included in the budget for transcribing meetings.

"It's really (the town manager's) decision and the selectmen's to figure out what's important and what should be put into the budget," he says. "There's no statute that says you can't put it in."

Local officials wary of governor's school funding reform proposal

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Governor Paul Cellucci's proposal to overhaul the state's School Building Assistance program wouldn't affect funding for Andover's proposed two new schools, town officials say, but could change things in the future.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says it's too early to tell how the bill would affect Andover, because the lengthy list of changes could only be partially adopted.

To combat the skyrocketing bills for school building projects handled by the state, Cellucci proposed changes in the plan including incentives to renovate or add to existing buildings, and a formula change that would distribute reimbursements differently.

"Personally I think it was inevitable, given the amount of money the state has been pouring into the program," says Director of Plant and Facilities Joe Piantedosi.

This year the state paid towns \$250 million in reimbursements for school building projects, and if construction continues as expected, the state would reportedly be paying \$450 million by 2004.

Under the current formula, Andover would receive 60 percent of the cost of new school building projects.

The SBA program is 13 years old.

The state's average reimbursement amount is 69 percent of the cost of the project. Towns pay a percentage of the project

cost determined by a formula that weighs the wealth of the community.

Piantedosi says Andover's preliminary plans for a proposed new middle school and elementary school on Cross Street and High Plain Road in West Andover have been filed with, and accepted by, the state.

"We're already in the pipeline," Piantedosi says.

School Committee Chairman Eric Nadworny says the fact that Andover uses a 75-year-old school building (the Shawsheen School) and plans to build new schools shows Andover is committed to making the most of its buildings.

"We've gone through all the possible options, and this (building new schools) is still the best option," Nadworny says.

Andover's most recent school building project of new construction was the Bancroft School, built 30 years ago, Nadworny says.

"We looked at expanding the middle schools and the cost was significantly higher, and that still didn't address the elementary school issue," he says.

If the plan is changed to encourage renovation and regular maintenance of school buildings, it would only support Andover's ongoing efforts, Piantedosi says.

"There could be a plus there," he says.

Stapczynski says he would endorse some of the proposed changes but not others. He says he favors incentives to renovate and maintain buildings, because Andover has employed such practices for years.

"We have over the years, thank God, been funding or facilities. It's been part of our overall plan," Stapczynski says.

He also says he would support the proposal to make low-interest loans available for some projects.

"Hey, we'll be at the front of the list," he says.

A change in the funding formula that could reduce Andover's reimbursements on future projects would be "troublesome," Stapczynski says.

I don't want to take away from the cities, but we want to make sure we get our 60 percent," Stapczynski says.

Andover's proposed two new schools in West Andover are estimated to cost \$31 million, of which the state would pay \$18.6 million, according to School Building Committee Chairman Mark Johnson.

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ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - At 10:36 a.m., Walter H. Pitts, 199 Greenwood Road, Andover, was arrested at home and charged on a warrant for two counts of possession of a Class A substance and possession of a hypodermic needle.

At 12:33 p.m., Eduardo Torres, 18, of 7 Broad St., Lynn, was arrested on River Road and charged with possessing a Class D substance.

Thursday, Jan. 27 - At 1:49 p.m., Steven Kyle Clavette, 23, of 3 Memorial Circle, Andover, was arrested in the CVS parking lot downtown and charged with driving without a license.

Friday, Jan. 28 - At 8:13 a.m., Keri L. Indeglia, 33, of 29 Sheridan St., Lawrence, was arrested on Railroad Street and charged on a warrant for making annoying phone calls.

Saturday, Jan. 29 - At 3:24 a.m., Noelia Gonzalez, 29, of 8 Grace Terrace, Lawrence, was arrested at the station and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle with a revoked license and revoked plates. Luis A. Flores, 29, of 8 Washington Way, Lawrence, was also arrested and charged on a warrant for disorderly conduct.

At 3:37 a.m., Juan M. Herasme, 25, of 180 Northampton St., Boston, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle with a suspended license and revoked plates.

At 4:03 a.m., Joseph G. Djevalikian, 23, of 876A Lexington St., Waltham, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

At 5:52 p.m., John N. Dartnell, 19, of 60 Linwood St., Lynn, was arrested on Park Street and charged with possession of a Class E substance with intent to distribute.

At 10:38 p.m., Guy B. Sullivan, 35, of 2 Eagle Way, Andover, was arrested at home and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and being a disorderly person, after an officer responded to a call from a man at the address saying "his girlfriend does not want him in the house any more." A woman got on the phone after the comment, claiming they were both fine, and did not need assistance, according to the log.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - At 3:55 p.m., Wesley F. Pratt, 28, of 450A Brookside Drive, Andover, was arrested on North Street and charged with driving with a suspended license and three counts of possessing a hypodermic syringe or needle, after an officer reported an apparent "domestic (situation) on the side of the road."

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 12:27 p.m., Paul J. Madeira, 22, of 27 Nelson St., New Bedford, was arrested on River Road and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

At 11:14 p.m., John E. Evans, 37, of 33 Kent St., Tewksbury, was arrested on Frontage Road by the Park and Ride lot, and charged with possessing a Class D substance with intent to distribute and possessing drug paraphernalia. Police said he had 52 grams of marijuana broken up into "baggies."

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - At 12:13 a.m., a woman on Stevens Street reported an ex-boyfriend had threatened her over the phone and violated a restraining order. Police found no active restraining order and, because the incident had occurred in Methuen, an officer advised the woman to speak with Methuen police.

At 7:20 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to an Andover man.

Thursday, Jan. 27 - At 5:32 p.m., a detective reported that a motorist driving a Subaru station wagon had "attempted to run him off the road twice." The driver sped onto Interstate 495. State police were notified.

Friday, Jan. 28 - At 12:35 p.m., Nelson Nunez-Hidalgo, 44, of 56 Floral St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a revoked license and without an inspection sticker.

At 4:50 p.m., an Andover female reported losing her cellular phone near the high school.

At 7:31 p.m., an officer was to file on an ex-

boyfriend who was harassing his ex-girlfriend.

Saturday, Jan. 29 - At 9:11 a.m., a detective was to file on a juvenile incident that occurred the previous day.

At 12:15 p.m., a teen-age female called to report her father hit her during an argument. The call was interrupted more than once by the caller's mother, who said they were disciplining their daughter for swearing at them.

At 12:24 p.m., a woman came to the station to report someone had groped her while she was on the commuter bus from Boston to Andover.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - At 12:34 a.m., after a report of a fight in the Wyndham Hotel's parking lot, officers reported that the fight was between two brothers and "everything has been worked out."

At 1:21 a.m., an Andover son reported a domestic problem between himself and his father after the man had a few drinks. An officer reported the issue "has been settled for the night."

At 8:33 a.m., two men involved in an earlier altercation came into the station.

At 2:23 p.m., an Andover woman came to the station to speak to an officer about an unknown person who keeps sending her packages in the mail. The resident had contacted the person through e-mail, and told the person to stop sending the packages, but was concerned about the situation.

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 8:58 a.m., an Andover man came into the station to file a complaint regarding a restraining order violation.

At 9:30 a.m., a North Andover woman came into the station to file a complaint about her son being beaten up at Penguin Park the previous day.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - At 4:09 p.m., an Andover High employee requested an officer for "an altercation between several female students."

BREAKS

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 9:38 a.m., a woman reported that someone had broken into the Franciscan Center on Jan. 29 and taken the cash register from the gift shop.

At 1:07 p.m., a Red Spring Road man reported returning home to find someone had broken into his home.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - At 8:04 p.m., a Hansom road resident reported some jewelry either missing or stolen from her home. The possible theft occurred during her move into the house, she reported.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - At 11:54 a.m., a vehicle stolen out of Braintree was found running on Haverhill Street. A Haverhill Street car owner later came to the station to report her 1994 Plymouth was stolen. At 5:59 p.m., Lowell police reported they had recovered this vehicle stolen out of Andover.

Friday, Jan. 28 - At 2:20 p.m., a person at Andover High School reported a student believed someone had stolen her car. The student called to report that she had found her car. She said a friend had borrowed it and put it in another spot.

At 3:09 p.m., a license plate was found and turned into the West Middle School office.

Saturday, Jan. 29 - At 10:17 a.m., a Tage Inn employee reported that a guest said someone had stolen her 1992 Honda Accord some time since 8 p.m. the previous night.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - At 7:18 p.m., someone at the Ramada Hotel reported that someone had broken into his Chevy Blazer during the last four days.

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 4:54 a.m., an Andover man and guest at the Tage Inn reported that his 1988 Honda had been stolen some time after 2 a.m. An officer reported that the caller had picked up two teen-age females in Lawrence and they had fled the Tage Inn with the man's clothes and car. State and Lawrence police were informed. Around 12:30 p.m., Lawrence police reported recovering the car on Route 28 and having two females under arrest.

At 11:46 a.m., a Tage Inn employee reported an abandoned vehicle in the parking lot. The vehicle

had been stolen out of Windham, N.H.

ACCIDENTS

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 7 p.m., there was a report of a car hitting a tele-

phone pole on Argilla Road. An ambulance was sent, and both Mass. Electric and MediaOne were notified.

VANDALISM

There were two reported cases.

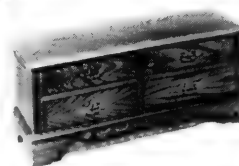
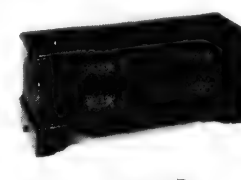
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Play is a political thriller

Sharon Mason, who will travel to Ireland this spring with the award-winning *Stiff Cuffs* production, will be traveling to Chile this week. She wants to bring others with her.

Mason will be "traveling" to Chile as the tormented Paulina Salas, in a production of *Death and the Maiden*.

She believes the powerful themes of the play will suck others along for an emotional ride.

The play is set in post-Pinochet Chile by playwright Ariel Dorfman. *Death and the Maiden* is a political thriller about truth and memory, where a woman confronts the man she believes raped and tortured her as she lay blindfolded in a military detention center years before.



Photo by John Fogle

Sharon Mason as Paulina Salas.

The play will be presented by the Arlington Friends of Drama on Feb. 4-6 and Feb. 11-13 (see *Calendar* for details). It is recommended for adult audiences only.

Because her character's experience is so foreign to her, Mason has spent a lot of time researching the role.

"I spent a fair amount of time reading (Chile) survivors' stories. Finding out what it looked like, what it sounds like," she says. "There are a couple of first-person accounts and they're devastating to read. It's awful — I don't even have the name of it."

But Mason says the role is a welcome challenge. Before she moved to Andover, Mason performed professionally Off-Broadway in New York.

She says she remembers seeing people asking an actor questions once.

"This actor was up there and they said, 'Why do you do this?' and he said, 'It's not

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Will you be asked to join Tom Rush and Janus Ian on stage? Andover to go Clubbing, with a twist

By Neil Fater

The man credited with discovering Joni Mitchell and James Taylor is looking for some new talent.

Versatile singer/songwriter Tom Rush is bringing his lauded Club 47 concert series to the Collins Center, on Shawsheen Road, May 13.

Rush's Club 47 shows team up veteran musicians like Rush and Bonnie Raitt with younger, up-and-coming stars.

Club 47 helped to bring Nanci Griffith, Alison Krauss and Shawn Colvin to a wider audience at the beginning of their careers.

But the Collins Center performance will have a different feel. Rush will essentially hold open auditions before the show to find two performers who will probably play 20-minute sets to open for Janis Ian and Rush.

"They'll probably do a song in conjunction with Tom and Janis," says Dan Betty, who's promoting the Andover event.

By March 1, those who want a chance to perform May 13 should send a tape, CD or video along with other information to:

An Evening at Club 47
P.O. Box 1227
Andover, MA 01810.

The best entries will be invited to a live audition at West Middle School in March.

If two worthy candidates apply, they will join Rush and Ian on stage.

The auditions are open to all Andover, and other, residents.



"We're not restricting anything. If you're a singer/songwriter and you have material you feel is consistent with the Club 47 genre, then you ought to get it to us," says Betty. "We would encourage the local high school students to come forward. We're not dictating age. Talent is the determining factor."

"We're trying to make it a community-orientated event, but we're truly looking for a high level of talent," says Betty. "What we'll bring there that night will be very impressive. The next James Taylor and Jackson Browne and Joni Mitchell is what we're hoping for."

Tickets will go on sale through Ticketmaster next Friday, Feb. 10, and range in price from \$22.50 to \$28.50. There will be a \$4 discount for all students and children under 12.



God, the FBI... and you? — Grammy-winning Janus Ian (directly above) will join Tom Rush (top photo) and perhaps two new talents, in Andover.

Club 47: Will it shake things up at the Collins Center?

When the Collins Center opened in 1983, the Boston Pops christened the theater. In its early years, a number of big-name acts graced the stage, from Mel Tormé to David Copperfield. But as time progressed, the center fell into trouble. In recent years, it's been used mostly for Andover High School functions and ballet productions — if at all.

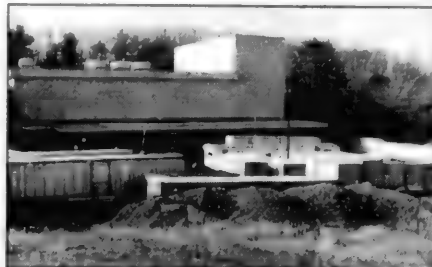
Newman Hill Drive's Dan Betty, the Andover Club 47 event's organizer, hopes it will help bring attention again to the center. The chart below shows (in **bold**) the biggest attractions brought to the Collins Center stage during recent years.

1995

Andover High School play.

Center is open on a limited basis only.

Construction to the adjacent Andover High School affects its operation, though center improvements are minimal.



1996

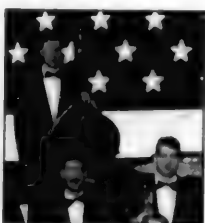
Collins Center dark.
Center closed all year due to Andover school construction.

1997

No shows.
Center again closed because of construction project.

1998

Free show by Air Force Band and visit from Czech Radio Orchestra both popular.



2000

Planned Club 47 show with Tom Rush and Janis Ian for May 13 called "probably the biggest show since 1990," by Scott Worthley, Collins Center technical director.



1999

Regional ballet production, free Air Force Band of Liberty shows attract crowds.

Collins Center gets a Rush — and an Ian

(Continued from page 1)

gested to Rush the idea of using the Collins Center for one of his Club 47 shows, and Rush, who performed there during the center's heyday, agreed it was a good idea ("Gold Rush," *Townsmen*, Oct. 7, 1999).

But the opportunity for unknown singers to join the two folk legends on the Collins Center stage makes the Andover Club 47 show unique. Rush normally shares the Club 47 stage with the likes of Bonnie Raitt.

"This is the first time that we're openly soliciting brand new talent," says Betty, a Rush promoter who's traveling with Rush to his solo and Club 47 shows. "In times past, we've selected people who

have an established career on some level."

Betty says the opportunity is open to all ages, include college and high school performers.

Rush jokes that people should remember him once they make it big. But running the Club 47 shows is Rush's way of continuing the spirit of the Club 47 coffeehouse that was located just off Harvard Square in Cambridge in the 1960s.

"Joan Baez, Richie Havens, Judy Collins, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and I all played there when we were just starting out," says Rush. "I've tried my best to keep that spirit alive in the Club 47 concerts I've done over the past 20 years."

But Rush has also used the shows to

bring attention to a number of new artists. In recent years, Club 47 shows helped launch the careers of Nanci Griffith, Alison Krauss and Shawn Colvin.

Collins Center effect

Betty is hoping that Club 47 — a concept that's sold out Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center — will help relaunch the Collins Center into the realm of bigger-name concerts.

After attracting numerous big-name talents to the town during the boom time of the 1980s, the center fell on harder times as the 1980s ended. During the '90s there were times when the center has been used as little more than a high-school auditorium — and other times

when it was closed.

Rush and Ian will be the first "big-name" performers to grace the stage in a decade, says Scott Worthley, Collins Center technical director.

"The last show that I worked for here with the endowment was Pat Boone and Florence Henderson in 1990. We haven't had a performance of that (name-recognition) scale since then," he says.

"We're pretty busy with the school events and outside rentals, but a Club 47 — a big show with national name recognition — hasn't been happening," says Worthley. "I'm excited. It's a chance to do something different, something that we don't do all the time."

A popular theory for the Collins Center's troubles is that it's too big for small shows and not large enough for big name acts that must charge a lot per ticket. Betty hopes the Club 47 concert will dis-

prove that theory.

"The Collins Center is the right size. We hoping to prove that times have changed," says Betty. "I think there are a lot of artists of the same sort of drawing capacity as Tom Rush who could use it."

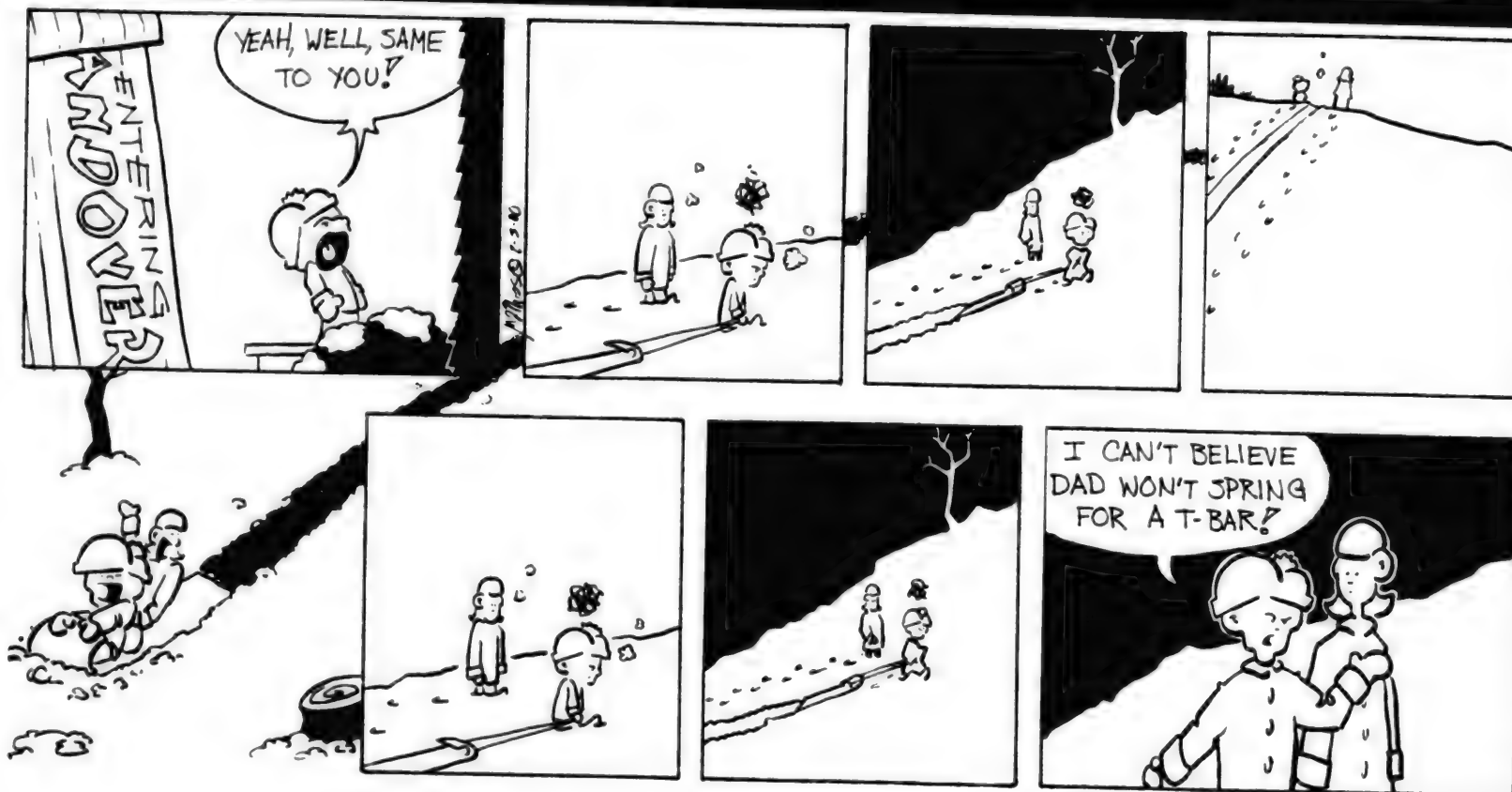
Worthley says the center is ready to go clubbing.

"The last couple of years, since it reopened, we've been making improvements to the lighting and sound equipment," says Worthley. "Since it reopened we've made improvements to the inventory, so it's better than ever."

"I'd like to get the word out that the place is available for acts like Tom Rush," he says. "It's sitting here. It's a great space. I hope this will show it can still be done."

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Artist Herman gets her space

Karen Van Welden Herman is the featured artist exhibiting for the next two months in the Town Manager's office.

Herman's work *Three Graces* (pictured at right) is among the paintings displayed.

The manager's office is located on the top floor of Town Offices, on Bartlet Street.

Herman's exhibit is part of the continuing Contemporary Andover Artist Series.

The artist is known for her associations with Andover's Preservation Commission, Memorial Hall Library Trustees and Andover Historical Society.

She says that her works in oil and pastel are narrative in nature, and reflect her long held interest in history, material culture and people.

Herman has exhibited most recently at the sixth annual juried show at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence, curated by Adam Weinberg, director of the Addison Gallery and a member of the Off Broadway Artist's Cooperative and Gallery, also in Lawrence.

Hours in the Town Manager's office are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Out-of-town events

Martins Pond Festival: Ice diving, wintry action

The seventh annual Martins Pond Winter Festival will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at Clarke Park on Burroughs Road in North Reading. Burroughs Road is at the traffic light across the street from Star Market on Route 28 (Main Street). The rain date is Sunday, Feb. 6.

The event will include skating, ice fishing, an ice diving demo and more. The event will be held unless the day is rainy or stormy.

Organizers advise people to bring skates. A tot-sized arena will be flooded for the kids and the pond ice might be usable, too.

The kids can compete in snow and ice games to win prizes, get their faces painted, hop on a pony ride, and ride the carousel. There will also be a campfire.

The Pokemon character, Pikachu, will be there, and photos with Pikachu, and pony rides, will be offered.

A raffle of more than 25 prizes will include the grand prize of 200 gallons of home heating oil, ski lift tickets, bagels, a haircut, bowling, movie rentals, restaurant gift certificates, gasoline, an oil change, and Beanie Babies.

Hot food and beverages will be on sale.

The Martins Pond Association Playground Committee organizes this event and a Summer Festival and Haunted Playground each year to raise funds for park enhancements.

Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, call Lida at (978) 664-0625 or Janet at (978) 664-1776.

Whister House: Readings by Andover poet Schorr

The Whistler House Museum of Art will begin a monthly program in February called First Fridays at the Whistler: Innovation and Art. The program will feature people who create in a variety of mediums including video, crafts, poetry, philosophy and physics. The program will begin with a wine-and-cheese reception followed by a demonstration, lecture, reading or panel discussion by the featured presenter.

The first in the new series will be poet and artist Mark Schorr, who will give a reading of poems from one of his home-published works called *Shades of Gray* on Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. The title is based on the work of artist James McNeill Whistler who is well known for using gray in his paintings. Schorr uses electronic media to create poems, images, books and Web pages. He will also show a series of oil paintings based on the same title.

The Whistler is located at 243 Worthen St., Lowell. Admission is free for members, \$3 for non-members. For more information or directions, call (978) 452-7641.

Canceled Contrariar

Brazilian group So Prar Contrariar, scheduled to appear at Lowell Memorial Auditorium Saturday, Feb. 12, has canceled their performance. Tickets purchased for the event may be returned for a refund at the point of purchase. There are no current plans to reschedule the event.

For more information, call Peter Lally at (978) 937-8688.

**Fax arts and entertainment information to the
Townsmen by noon on Monday.**

Reservations needed by tomorrow Want a trip down Tinsletown's memory lane?

The Trustees of the American Textile History Museum will host Silk 'n' Satin, an evening of desserts, champagne and fabulous fashions Friday, Feb. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The evening will feature a private viewing of *Dressed for the Part: Hollywood Costumes from the Silver Screen*, with special guest John LeBold, film historian and collector who owns the costumes in the show.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet LeBold and view more than 40 costumes once worn by stars such as Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Bette Davis, Rita Hayworth, Ava Gardner and Elizabeth Taylor in film classics like *Cleopatra*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *An Affair to Remember* and *The Sound of Music*.

Reservations are \$25, \$15 for museum members. For information, call (978) 441-0400, Ext. 246, by tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4.

According to the museum, LeBold's behind-the-scenes stories about the stars, costume designers and film stu-



Alive — Julie Andrews' dress from the *Sound of Music*.



Not in Kansas — Garland's dress is in Lowell. (Tin man suit not included.) The *Dressed for the Part* exhibit will continue running after the Feb. 11 event.

dios offer insight into the golden years of Hollywood glamour from the silent screen era through the 1960s.

Short cuts: 'Death and the Maiden'

(MAIDEN VOYAGE continued from page 22)

something I do, it's something I am.' And that's the way it is. I'm home when I'm on stage," she says.

That why Mason still stays active in community theater in Massachusetts.

"I've had some wonderful work up here. This woman (in *Death*) is an incredible challenge," she says. "It's one of those opportunities where you not only get to go to the edge, but you get to jump.

"That we as a people could do this to people

— perhaps I'm naive — but it's stunning," she says. "I can't even imagine surviving that, and playing Pauline, I'm asked to."

Now, Mason and the rest of her production, directed by John Fogle, are asking others to join them.

Normally in February, people

in Andover go to a place with skiing or beaches.

For the next two weekends, Mason will invite them to Chile.

"This is a different kind of vacation. This is a working vacation. We're asking you to participate in this, but perhaps you come away changed," she says.

Special chamber music concert for seniors at library

A special concert for senior citizens will be performed by the Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra at Memorial Hall Library at Elm Square Sunday, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m.

Chamber music will be performed by small groups of young musicians. Andover senior citizens, including those who live in homes and in retirement centers are invited along with their guests.

The following musicians from Andover will perform with the youth symphony: Veda Eswarappa, Jessica Garone, Jeremy Hogan, Christopher Lier, Maya Lucaci-Vashee, Dan Mason, Jacob Sweeney Samuelson, and Kate Thompson. Brian Harney and Anson McLellan of North Andover will also perform with the chamber music groups.

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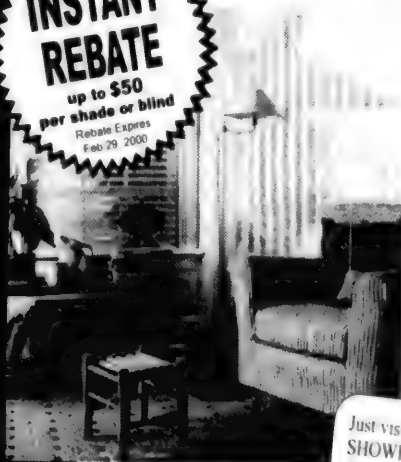


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Andover Chamber Music Series will present an early Valentine gift opportunity with its Feb. 5 candlelit concert featuring cellist Andres Diaz.

Diaz will perform Bach's *Cello Suite in G Major* in the third concert of the ACMS series at West Parish Church.

The 7:30 p.m. concert also includes Beethoven's *Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola, Op. 25*, and Schubert's *Cello Quintet in C*, often called the composer's masterpiece for its beauty and range of emotion.

The four movements of Schubert's only string quintet inspired pianist Arthur Rubenstein to have the Adagio movement played at his

funeral, and violinist Joseph Saunders had the second theme of the first movement engraved on his tombstone.

Diaz will be joined in the quintet by chamber players Lucy Stoltzman and Jennifer Elowitch on violin, Daniel Panner on viola and Jan Muller Szeraws on cello.

Flutist Julia Scolnik, ACMS founder and artistic director, will perform in the *Serenade*.

The Chilean-born Diaz has been a featured soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony, American Symphony at Carnegie Hall, the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center and Russia's Saratov Symphony.

Tickets for Saturday's show are \$16; \$12 for students and seniors.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Feb. 3

Workshop, sponsored by Parent to Parent, "Sensory Integration, An Overview and Discussion," 7:30-9 p.m., \$10, third floor, School Administration Building, Bartlet Street; Pat MacElhaney 475-8282.

Talk, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and Andover Fly Fishers, "Fishing the Internet for Fish," 7 p.m., Elm Square; Norma Gammon 623-8401, Ext. 49.

Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

FRIDAY, Feb. 4

Alice in Wonderland, performed by Doherty Middle School Drama Club, 7 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children; Doherty Auditorium, Bartlet Street; 623-8750.

Ski, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Mt. Fare weekend, \$114, Waterville Valley, N.H.; Larry Blood (781) 944-0929.

Dance, sponsored by West Middle School, for sixth-graders, 7 p.m., Shawsheen Road.

Poetry reading, sponsored by Whistler House Museum of Art, featuring Mark Schorr, 7 p.m., \$3 non-members, free, members, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7641.

Comedy Palace, featuring Bill Campbell, Ace Aceto, Quinn Collins, 9 p.m., \$12, see Thursday, Feb. 3, entry.

Death and the Maiden, sponsored by Arlington Friends of the Drama, featuring resident Sharon Mason, \$13, 22 Academy St., Arlington; (781) 646-5922.

SATURDAY, Feb. 5

Alice in Wonderland, see Friday, Feb. 4, entry.

Family history workshop, sponsored by Andover Historical Society, featuring genealogist Gratia Mahony, 10 a.m.-\$15 members, \$20 nonmembers; 95 Main St.; RSVP 475-2236.

Human animation show, featuring Fred Garbo, comedy, magic, dance, juggling, mime, 2 p.m., \$10 advance, \$12 at door; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; box office 837-5355.

Winter festival, sponsored by Martins Pond Association Playground Committee, snow and ice games, pony rides, carousel, raffles, refreshments, skating, noon-4 p.m., Clarke Park, Burroughs Road, North Reading; Lida (978) 664-0625 or Janet at (978) 664-1776.

Opening, sponsored by The Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, *Two Generations of Westons: Edward, Cole, and Brett* exhibit, and book signing by Cole Weston, 6-9 p.m., 67 Shore Road, Winchester; (781) 729-1158.

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cellist Andres Diaz to play.

Ski, see Friday, Feb. 4, entry.

Comedy Palace, featuring Bill Campbell, Ace Aceto, Quinn Collins, 8 and 10:30 p.m., \$12, The Erotic Hypnotic Joey Devito, 10:30 p.m., \$12, see Thursday, Feb. 3, entry.

Smokey Joe's Cafe, sponsored by Lowell Five Performing Arts, 8 p.m., \$39, \$32.50, \$19.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; box office (978) 454-2299.

Death and the Maiden, see Friday, Feb. 4, entry.

SUNDAY, Feb. 6

Lecture and slide show, sponsored by The Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, "Edward Weston, the Man not the Myth," 7-9 p.m., \$10, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; (781) 729-1158.

Auditions, sponsored by Quannapowitt Players, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, 6 p.m., 55 Hopkins St., Reading; (781) 942-2212.

Ski, see Friday, Feb. 4, entry.

Moonlight walk/cross-country ski, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Goldsmith Woodlands, refreshments, meet 7 p.m., Goldsmith trail head, Route 28; David Dargie (978) 454-1206.

Summer opportunities fair, sponsored by Phillips Academy Summer Opportunities Office and Merrimack Valley Andover Association, noon-3 p.m., Dining Hall, Salem Street, PA campus; 749-4480.

Concert, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, featuring chamber music performed by members of Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m., Elm Square; 623-8401.

Talk, sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, "Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most," 11 a.m., 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Judy Matulsky 475-5411.

Death and the Maiden, see Friday, Feb. 4, entry.

CALENDAR

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Auditions, sponsored by North Shore Players, for *The Cradle Will Rock*, bring classical or musical theater piece with piano score, 7-9 p.m., Charles V. Hogan Auditorium, Route 62, Danvers; (978) 774-6442.
Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., see *Thursday, Feb. 3, entry*.

MONDAY, Feb. 7

Monthly coffee, sponsored by West Middle School Principal Vicki Simms, 7 p.m., media center, Shawsheen Road.
Auditions, sponsored by Temple Emanuel, for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, ages 11 and over, 7 p.m., Haggetts Pond Road; Beth 470-1356.

TUESDAY, Feb. 8

Meeting, sponsored by West Middle School PAC, the meeting scheduled for Jan. 25 was cancelled due to snow, 7 p.m., media center, Shawsheen Road.
Cupid's Corner Luncheon, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$14, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Lowell Street; RSVP Ruth (978) 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228.
Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia Restaurant, featuring Gray Sargent Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9

Meeting, sponsored by Learning In Retirement Association (LIRA) for retirees and semiretired, 10 a.m.-noon, Fox Hall, Room 501, UMass Lowell North Campus, Lowell; 934-3135.
Auditions, see *Monday, Feb. 7, entry*.
Asthma management, sponsored by American Lung Association of Massachusetts — Essex County Branch, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Peabody Community Life Center, 79 Central St., Peabody; RSVP (978) 524-7770.
Information meeting, sponsored by Florence Crittenton League, an adoption agency, 7 p.m., 119 Hall St., Lowell; (978) 452-9671.

THURSDAY, Feb. 10

Talk, by Family Chiropractic, "How to raise a healthy, drug-free family," 10 a.m., Sutton Square, 162 Sutton St., North Andover; RSVP 794-8100.
Storytelling, sponsored by Citrus, for toddlers and their parents, 10 a.m., 93 Main St.; 470-8832.
Senior breakfast, sponsored by Sutton Hill Center in North Andover, includes talk on learning to live with heart disease, 9-10:30 a.m.; RSVP 688-1212.
Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Showcase hosted by Tony V., 8 p.m., \$8, see *Thursday, Feb. 3, entry*.

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Dance, sponsored by West Middle School, for seventh and eighth grades, 7 p.m., Shawsheen Road.
Single dance, sponsored by Billerica Chapter of TSL (The Single Life), all singles over 21, 8 p.m., \$5 members, \$7 guests, Knights of Columbus, Route 38, Tewksbury; Steve 988-9528 or Donna 658-2410.



Odetta

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring Odetta, free tickets at Graves Hall, corner of School and Main streets, 8 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4995.

Comedy Palace, featuring Don Gavin, Brian Longwell, Darren Lacroix, 9 p.m., \$12, see *Thursday, Feb. 3, entry*.

SATURDAY, Feb. 12

Faculty chamber music recital, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, PA campus, Main Street; 749-4995.

Carnaval del Mundo, featuring puppeteer Dan Butterworth, 2 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; box office 837-5355.

Film, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College, featuring Mexico's *El Mariachi*, 8 p.m., Lawrence campus, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence; Prof. Mark Palermo (978) 556-3849.

Comedy Palace, featuring Don Gavin, Brian Longwell, Darren Lacroix, 8 and 10:30 p.m., \$12, The Erotic Hypnotic Joey Devito, 10:30 p.m., \$12, see *Thursday, Feb. 3, entry*.



Stroke his ego — See Michael Cooney dock at the Crossroads Feb. 12.

Concert, sponsored by Crossroads Coffeehouse, featuring Michael Cooney, 8 p.m., \$12, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 687-3960.

SUNDAY, Feb. 13

Faculty voice recital, sponsored by Phillips Academy music

department, 3 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, PA campus, Main Street; 749-4995.

Concert, sponsored by Friend of Memorial Hall Library, featuring the Christiane Trio, 3 p.m., Elm Square; Norma Gammon 623-8401, Ext. 49.



In the music section — Christiane Trio coming to Memorial Hall Library.

Concert, sponsored by Boston Recorder Society & Friends and St. John's Preparatory School Chorus, 3 p.m., St. John's Prep Alumni Hall Auditorium, Springs Road, Danvers; 774-1050, Ext. 376 or (978) 263-9926.

Rail-A-Rama XXX, sponsored by Mystic Valley Railway Society, railroad hobby show with displays and sales, vintage videos, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$3 adults, \$1 ages 5-12, under 5 free, handicap accessible, Ramada Rolling Green, 311 Lowell St.; (617) 361-4445.

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Merrimack River trail in Andover, bring water and snack, meet 1:30 p.m., Agilent Celestine sign off River Road; Fred Snell 686-3647.

Irish art exhibit, sponsored by Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians LAOH Cultural Committee, and Irish Foundation of Lawrence, 1-5 p.m., Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence.

Auditions, sponsored by Concord Players, for *Rumors*, 6 p.m., 51 Walden St., Concord, Mass.; RSVP (978) 369-3195.

Comedy Palace, Boston Comedy Showcase hosted by Tony V., 8 p.m., \$8, see *Thursday, Feb. 3, entry*.

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes

American Textile History Museum, *Dressed for the Part: Hollywood Costumes from the Silver Screen*, through March 12, 2000, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (CALENDAR continued on page 28)

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a.m.-8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7, seniors, students, group members; free for children under 6, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, trolley rides, Pawtucket Canal Tour; Working People Exhibit at Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center; Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open daily, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 youth 6-16 and students, senior discount, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

Canal tours, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

New England Quilt Museum, *Last Quarter, Twentieth Century*, through March 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Peabody Essex Museum, *The Real Witchcraft Papers, The Saltonstall Family Portraits, A Folk Art Sampler*, all ongoing, *Suggestive Curves, The Art of Watercraft*, through May 7, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

Cushing House Museum, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Wenham Museum, *Wenham Ice Industry*, through February, *What's Next: Artist's View of the Next Millennium*, through Feb. 6 *Please Be Seated: Fine Furniture Making in America*, through April 16, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, handicap accessible, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Theatre

Cloud Tectonics, through Feb. 6, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., \$18.50-\$32.50, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.



On Cloud 9? — *Cloud Tectonics* fades away after Feb. 6.

Master Harold...and the boys, Athol Fugard's autobiographical drama, Feb. 4-20, Friday, 9:30 a.m., 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m., Feb. 4, \$15, all other Fridays, \$9, 9:30 a.m., show, \$20, \$18 youth/seniors 8 p.m., show, Saturdays, \$10, \$18 youth/seniors; Sundays, \$17, \$15 youth/seniors, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport; (978) 462-7336.

Simpatico, Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m., \$12, \$11 seniors and students, The Quannapowitt Players, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; (781) 942-2212.

Our Town, Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 8 p.m., \$12, Sunday, Feb. 20, 2:30 p.m., \$10, handicap accessible, Concord Playhousers, 51 Walden St., Concord Center, Mass.; (978) 369-2990.

Horowitz & Mrs. Washington, through Feb. 20, Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show, Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. show-only \$10.50-\$12.50, dinner-show, \$22-\$30, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.



Culture clash comedy—in Amesbury.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Parallel Perspectives: Early Twentieth Century American Art*, through Feb. 13, *Riding 1st Class on the Titanic! Photographs by Nathan Lyons*, through March 19, *Between Image and Object: The Prints of Robert Mangold*, through April 2, Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; (978) 749-4015.

Brush Art Gallery, *Perspectiva Latina: Latin American Artists from New England*, through April 2, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, featuring ceramic sculptures by Debra Giller, through Feb. 24, Mon-

day-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; (978) 232-2250.

Essex Art Center, featuring work by Joffre LeFevre, Eric Legacy, Betty Ann Libby, Eric Love, through Feb. 18, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, *Two Generations of Westons: Edward, Cole, and Brett*, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., wheelchair accessible, \$3, \$2 seniors, members, students and children, free, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; (781) 729-1158.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, *Reflections and Memories 1900-1999*, through Feb. 27, *Portsmouth Past and Present*, through Feb. 27, *Landscapes and Other Works, Feb. 5-27*, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H.; (603) 431-4230.

McCoy Gallery, *Saltwater Works*, large scale paintings of the sea by Clifford Smith, through Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, junction of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; Jocelyne Faurbach 837-5190.

Mingo Gallery, *Recent Works*, featuring artists Robert H. Farris Jr. and Jeannie Griffin-Peterka, through Feb. 25, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; (978) 927-5964.

Robert Lehman

Art Center, *The Photograph as Icon*, including the work *Red Doll* (left), pictured at right, through March 5, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; (978) 725-6232.



Iconoplastic — *Red Doll* (left) at Lehman Center.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, *Essential Gesture*, an exhibition of

paintings, drawings and sculpture by David Newton, Lloyd Martin and Mara Metcalf, through Feb. 19, *A Celebration of Afrocentrics*, through March 12, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978) 921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Stevens Memorial Library, unusual handicrafts from Margot's Gallery, through February, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 2-5 p.m., 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Town Manager's Offices, art work of Karen Van Welden Herman, through March 30, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Town Offices, Bartlett Street; 623-8200.

Meetings/Activities

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; (978) 251-3329 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; (978) 256-9391 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon 12 step meeting, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. William's Church, Route 38, Tewksbury; (978) 256-9391.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 687-8225.

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The workshop will cover available sources for materials; organizing material; and setting appropriate goals for what you want.

Call the Society at 475-2236 to register in advance



for this workshop, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. Cost is \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

The Andover Historical Society needs volunteers to serve as costumed interpreters and teach third-graders about "Andover at work in the 1820s."

Training and costumes are provided. Participation requires a two-hour contribution per week from May 2 through June 13. Volunteer orientation is scheduled for April 13.

For more information about this program, or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, call Barbara Thibault or Mary K. Hervol at 475-2236.

'Cupid's Corner Luncheon' is Tuesday

A "Cupid's Corner Luncheon" will be sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ramada Rolling Green Inn on Lowell Street.

Margaret Roberts, a researcher from Andover, will talk about the history of Valentine cards.

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 ◀ Through the mists of time - To find out how to research your family roots, come to the Family History Workshop led by genealogist Gratia Mahony, at the Andover Historical Society this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Photograph courtesy of the Andover Historical Society Collection

Elizabeth Sarantos from Andover will sing. The mother of two studies music.

Marsha Poirier from Berwick, Maine, will give a talk on "Visible and Invisible Handicaps," a positive outlook on living with MS. The mother of two has a master's degree in psychology and counseling.

Complimentary child care will be available at the Ramada by reservation.

The cost is \$14. Reservations are required for the luncheon. Call Ruth at (978) 664-3901, or Dolly at (781) 944-2228.

'Fish On! Andover 2000' continues

Memorial Hall Library and Andover Fly Fishers continue a month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits titled "Fish On! Andover 2000." The series will run weekly through Feb. 17.

Members of Andover Fly Fishers will demonstrate fly tying at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7. These programs are free.

Tonight, Feb. 3, Gerry Crow will show the use of the Internet for fishing and fishing-related activities.

Crow is an avid fly-fisherman, fly-tier and Internet enthusiast. He lives in Chelmsford with his wife, Joanne. The marketing director in the software industry combines his interest in fly-fishing and his professional pursuits at every opportunity.

Crow is newsletter editor for the Merrimack River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the former

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon, Community service librarian

Here are a few of the activities planned at Andover's Memorial Hall Library.

Cultural events

The Christiane Trio will perform at Memorial Hall Library next Sunday, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

The performers are Duncan J. Cumming, piano, Hillary

Walther Cumming, violin and Robin Milinazo, French horn.

'Fish On! Andover 2000'

It's fishing time at the library! Four experts in the field of fishing present programs on fishing in New England: Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. "Fishing the Internet for Fish," Gerry Crow. [See related story this page, above right.]

All of these free fishing programs are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Fly

Fishers.

Morning Book Discussion

Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m.
The Rainbow, D.H. Lawrence

Great Books Program

Beyond Good and Evil, Nietzsche, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Patriotism, Mishima, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion

The God of Small Things, Roy, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Conversational English classes:

Every Monday 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m.

Vision Support Group

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Artist of the month

Phebe Kwass has lived in Andover for 34 years. Her art career began at The DeCordova Museum School of Art, where she specialized in oil painting. She has also taken

classes with several artists in the Provincetown area at The Fine Arts Work Center.

Most of her works are semi-abstract landscapes.

She classifies these as "Landscapes of the Mind."

On view at the library are outside scenes which depict abstract views from her home.

All four seasons are represented: the heat of summer, crisp fall, cool winter and bright, hopeful spring.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The videotape *Telling Our Stories: Massachusetts Public Libraries* is available for loan at Memorial Hall Library. This documentary tells real stories of how public libraries touch people's lives in important ways - motivating, enlightening, and entertaining the people of Massachusetts for more than 140 years. This videotape, which was commissioned by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, was written and produced by Maribeth Edmonds, a resident of North Andover, and hosted by author and historian David McCullough. All parts of the state are visited from the large city libraries in Boston, Springfield and New Bedford to historic Concord and tiny Leverett in western Massachusetts. Each of the public libraries in Massachusetts is unique and the story of what goes on in them may surprise viewers. Throughout this 28-minute tape, viewers will find

such stories as a 10-year-old and a 70-year-old learning to use computers, adults learning to read for the first time, and fishermen borrowing Portuguese language books to read over a long voyage. Library-users can check out this tape for seven days. Reserves can be placed either at the circulation desk or on the library's Internet home page.

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library a part of your online life.

The reference staff will offer courses on electronic resources and the Internet during the months of February and March. The sessions will be Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 will feature online magazine indexes, online encyclopedias, business databases and PhoneDisc. Feb. 16 will focus on using more advanced techniques in search engines and on how to sign-up for web-based e-mail. Health resources, from medical treatments to evaluation of fitness equipment, will be explored on March 1. We'll cover both free Internet resources and our subscription full text magazine indexes. And on March 15, we'll have Fun on the Internet. We'll shop for travel bargains, check out cruise prices, and bid on auction sites.

Registration and payment (\$5 per session) is handled by the Department of Community Services (623-8274).

— Jim Sutton

OBITUARIES

Thayer S. Warshaw Teacher, activist was 50-year resident, lifelong member of Temple Emanuel

Thayer S. Warshaw, 84, of Andover died Friday, Jan. 28, at Jewish Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Warshaw was born in Methuen and grew up in Lawrence. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1933 and from Harvard in 1937 with a BA in philosophy.

After 22 years with Nevin Auto, the family automobile dealership, he returned to Harvard Graduate School of Education and began teaching at Newton High School (now Newton North High School). He became supervisor of student teaching for Newton North and Newton South High schools and created two new courses on philosophy and the Bible.

With a grant from the Lily Foundation, Mr. Warshaw and Dr. James S. Ackerman, professor of Old Testament studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, conducted summer institutes for teachers throughout the 1970s on the use of biblical passages in class and cowrote eight books on the subject.

The 50-year resident of Andover was a lifelong member of Temple Emanuel.

Mr. Warshaw was president of Shawsheen Village Improvement Society, chairman of Andover Board of Public Welfare and board member of the Taxpayers Association. He was the town's representative to Merrimack Valley Transit Authority, and moderator of some candidates nights for League of Women Voters.

He was awarded a Good Citizen plaque by the selectmen and a plaque from Bradford College for outstanding community service in the lower Merrimack Valley.

Mr. Warshaw was chairman of Temple Emanuel Boy Scouts Troop Com-

mittee, chairman of Lawrence District of North Essex Council of Boy Scouts, member of the board of United Fund, president of Exchange and Lawrence Rotary clubs, and founder of Pontiac Service Managers Club.

He played a key role in moving the new Jewish Community Center from Concord Street to Tower Hill in Lawrence and remained active in the center. He wrote, published and distributed "The Lawrence Jewish News" for many years, was a teacher and principal of the temple's Sunday School and created a Sunday religious service for Jewish students at Phillips Academy.

Members of his family include his daughter, Ellie Davidson of Michigan, Shirley Roshannah of Dedham and Margaret Brill of Newton and their husbands; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was the widower of Bernice Warshaw and brother of the late Selma Frankel.

Services were held Sunday at Temple Emanuel. Burial was in Temple Emanuel Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Levine Chapels of Brookline.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bernice K. and Thayer S. Warshaw Fund for Visiting Scholars, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, 01810; Ackerman-Warshaw Scholarship Fund, Indiana University Foundation, Bloomington, IN 47401; or to Thayer S. Warshaw Summer Session Scholarship Fund, Phillips Academy, Andover, 01810.

Walter R. Whitley Lived in Andover for more than 50 years; profiled in the Dec. 30 issue of the Townsman

Walter R. Whitley, 99, of Andover died Saturday, Jan. 29, at Academy Manor Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Mr. Whitley was born in Somersville, Conn., and moved to Lawrence as a boy. He was a graduate of Lawrence High.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are a few of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Valentine's Day tea

Hats and white gloves are invited. Bring a favorite tea cup and join Judy Bernstein for tea and a performance of the "Proper Bostonians." Advance tickets are required. Cost is \$2. This special event is funded in part by the Andover Arts Lottery Council.

Rhode Island Flower Show

Reservations are being accepted for a trip to the Rhode Island Flower Show Thursday, Feb. 17. Cost is \$22, which is due at time of reservation.

Chinese New Year

The annual Chinese New Year celebration and buffet supper will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the center. Help usher in the Year of the Dragon. Sign up early for this popular event.

Computer interest group

The computer interest group will meet at the computer lab at the drop-in center on the first floor of Old Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Any experienced computer-user is welcome to join this discussion and problem-solving group. For more information, call Don Sagaser at 475-6116.

Movie matinee

The Runaway Bride, starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, will be shown Friday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. Note new day. Reservations are not necessary.

Creative cooking group

This gathering is open to anyone who enjoys food, recipe-sharing and lunch together. The next class will meet Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 9 a.m. Reservations are necessary. Call the center.

Men's breakfast

The men's breakfast will be held Friday, Feb. 18, at 8:30 a.m. Peter Richardson will present a "Pilgrimage to India." He will share slides, stories, displays, etc., from his sabbatical in this fascinating country. Reservations are required and cost is \$3.

Senior Center chorus

The center is seeking male and female voices to join the Senior Center chorus. Rehearsals will be held Mondays, beginning Feb. 28, from 9 to 10 a.m.

A cook's tour of Dutch country

Creative cooking teacher Ed Alessi will escort a trip April 14-17 to Pennsylvania Dutch country, from a cook's point of view. The cost is \$399. A \$50 deposit, due no later than Feb. 21, is required.

BIRTHS

BARDETTI - A daughter, Sophia Grace, born to Joseph and Elizabeth Bardetti of Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 9 at Prentice Hospital. Grandparents are Joseph and Marilyn Bardetti of Andover and Mervin and Margaret Baker of East Aurora, N.Y.

SAGE - A son, Kalman Moshe, born to Michael and Alison (Labell) Sage of Clifton, N.J., on Dec. 8, 1999. Grandparents are Joel R. and Rita Labell of 9 Chandler Road and Priscilla Jacobson of Worcester. Kalman has three sisters, Ilana, Dahlia and Bayla, and a brother, Avi.

VIGNART - A son, Tiernan Agustin Robert, born to Agustin and Mary (Watkinson) of Clarksville, Tenn., on

Sept. 14, 1999. Grandparents are Robert and Helen Watkinson of Andover and Wilson and Murtha Vignart of Manchester, N.H.

VUMBACO - A son, Kyle Joseph, born to John and Beth (Bellia) Vumbaco of 7 Langley Lane on Dec. 5 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Fran and Michael Bellia of Andover and John J. Vumbaco of West Roxbury. Great-grandmother is Carmella Bellia of Andover.

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- A daughter, Emily, born to Jeffrey and Marie (Vallee) Znamierowski of North Andover on Jan. 28 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Gerald and Carol Znamierowski of Andover and Normand and Constance Vallee of Lewiston, Maine.

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Sleepless nights can signal bigger problems

By Jennifer Valeri

While it feels like your spouse is the only one, in reality, 45 percent of American adults snore at least on occasion. More than 25 percent snore habitually.

And snoring is more than annoyance.

Snoring can be habitual or it can signal health problems. It can also be the reason you are always tired.

A sleep disorder is anything that interrupts the continuity of sleep, according to Dr. Joseph Walek, who heads the sleep clinic at Lowell General Hospital. He said there are various sleep disorders, some caused by a person's biology and others the result of bad habits or poor sleeping conditions.

"Studies show you are at your peak mentally after seven and a half to eight hours sleep," he said. However, statistics show people sleep much less.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, it is estimated that 30 to 40 million Americans suffer from some form of sleep disorders.

The clinic at Lowell General Hospital treats a variety of sleep disorders, the most common being sleep apnea.

Sleep apnea occurs when a person's breathing stops for 10 or more seconds

According to information from Lowell General, symptoms of potential sleep disorders include:

- irritability
- constant drowsiness
- loud or irregular snoring
- difficulty breathing during sleep
- morning headache, sore throat or mouth dryness
- or loss of energy.

while a person is sleeping. What sounds horrifying is actually somewhat common.

Apnea typically occurs when portions of the airway, stretching from the nostrils to the vocal cords, closes or collapses while a person is sleeping. Sleep interruption occurs as a natural reflex, as the body realizes the air supply is being cut out, it jerks a person awake. Some patients are unaware they are even waking up, as they are merely stirred out of a sound sleep for a split second. Dr. Walek said he evaluated patients who believe they are waking up only twice or three times a night, when in reality they are waking up 30 or 40 times a night.

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"Sleep is not merely a 'time out' from daily life. It is essential for mental and physical restoration," said Dr.

Joseph W. Walek, director of the new Sleep Lab and Neurodiagnostic Center at Lowell General Hospital. "There are more than 80 known sleeping disorders that can interfere with that vital sleep."

Walek said lack of sleep is not only disruptive - it's dangerous. Each year sleep-related accidents cause death, injuries, lost productivity and cost billions of dollars in health care and damaged property.

The Sleep Lab and Neurodiagnostic Center at Lowell General Hospital is a

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awake," he said. "Any arousal from a deep stage to a milder stage of sleep affects you."

The reason these problems are night-related is muscular. We control our neck, nose, throat and even tongue muscles while we are awake. The airway muscles are stiffened as we walk, talk and function during the day. However, during sleep, our muscles relax and blockage can occur.

According to Dr. Walek, six to 10 percent of the population suffers from sleep apnea; however only about one percent is diagnosed. As information is passed onto the public and to primary care physicians, the numbers are changing.

Cause and effect

There are several possible causes for apnea. One factor is being overweight. Doctors believe fat deposits can build near the upper airway and the tongue, shrinking the existing airway.

This is one of the more common reasons, said Dr. Walek. While his patients vary in ages or gender, Dr. Walek said the profile of a sleep apnea patient is a male in his 50s, who is about 25 to 30 pounds overweight. "It is the aging population," he said.

"As the baby boomers get older and wider, (sleep apnea is more common)."

It is estimated that six percent of

men and four percent of women suffer from sleep apnea.

There are other causes. Dr. Walek said anatomical structures of some people's airways can contribute, enlarged tonsils, and even people who have suffered a stroke are prone to sleep apnea. People born with larger than average tongues have no breathing problems during the day, but their tongues can fall back and block their airway, according to drkoop.com.

Once sleep apnea is diagnosed, Dr. Walek said there are various treatments. First and foremost, he said any weight

condition should be addressed, if not for sleep problems, but also for general well-being. Secondly, the most common treatment for sleep apnea is a breathing apparatus called a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP). The machine consists of a breathing tube, attached to a small air compressor the size of a shoebox. The CPAP provides continuous oxygen to the body, preventing a person from waking up repeatedly.

The benefits of the CPAP are visible after the first treatment, according to Dr. Walek. First, a patient will stay overnight for an evaluation. Sensors monitor a person's breathing, brain waves, body temperature and leg movements. After the test, Dr. Walek and polysomnographic technicians

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Dr. Joseph Walek, who heads the sleep clinic at Lowell General Hospital, checks on a patient. He said there are various sleep disorders, some caused by a person's biology and others the result of bad habits or poor sleeping conditions.

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(sleep technicians) will review the test results and the doctor will provide a diagnosis and treatment. If the CPAP is recommended, Dr. Walek said the patient returns for another night's sleep to determine the appropriate amount of air the CPAP should dispense.

"Patients leave the sleep lab feeling the difference," he said. "This isn't the kind of thing where you wait a week or two to see how it works. It happens that quickly."

A good night's sleep

Snoring is the result of air moving

within your mouth, causing the soft palate, located near the roof of your mouth towards your throat, to vibrate. The vibrations are snores, but movements in your nose, cheeks or lips can increase the noise. Snoring can be caused by mucus, swollen adenoids, a deviated nasal septum or a polyp in the nasal area.

Snoring, however, is normal. Dr. Walek said there are people who snore but have no sleep disorder. Sometimes it can be related to the way a person sleeps or if they are suffering from a cold. However, if you snore and you feel tired during the day, you should speak to your doctor, he said.

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"Over 30 years of clinical experience in helping families with a wide range of conditions has enabled us to provide comprehensive care to our patients," says Susan Kane. "We've known each other for over a decade and have always wanted to join forces to offer community-based complementary health care. We feel the team approach to healing promotes better communication between health provider and ultimately improved care for our patients," says David Sollars.

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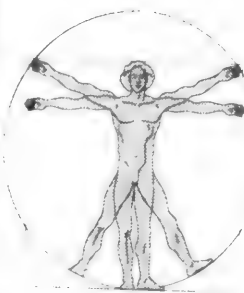
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Susan E. Kane is a licensed acupuncturist and practitioner of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) at FirstHealth of Andover. She graduated from the New England School of Acupuncture and received further training in China at the Shanghai College of TCM. She has been a member of the faculty of NESa since 1987.

David Sollars graduated from the New England School of Acupuncture (NESa), is a diplomat of the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists, North American Homeopathic Master's Clinician Course, International Federation of Homeopathy, and NESa's Herbal Medicine Program. He is a frequent lecturer and consultant for hospitals, insurance companies, patient support groups.

Regina D. Kmet, LMT, CPT, NCBTMB, is a graduate of the Polarity Realization Institute. She has been involved in the health service industry for over seventeen years as a health club manager, personal trainer, and aerobics instructor. Regina welcomes to her practice individuals who desire to be involved in their own healing process. She integrates several modalities in her sessions including Swedish massage, polarity therapy, deep tissue work, reflexology, pre/post natal massage, body alignment, and energy balancing.

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The site is www.sleepfoundation.org

Another problem some people experience is periodic limb movements, where a person's limbs will jerk sporadically during sleep. While inconvenient for a spouse sharing the bed, the person can, like sleep apnea, wake numerous times during the night. Dr. Walek said this is far less common than sleep apnea, but can be diagnosed in the lab. Treatments include mild sedatives, narcotics and even anti-Parkinson's drugs to control the limb movement.

Insomnia is usually traced to a stressful period in a person's life, said Dr. Walek, such a divorce, work problems or a death. However, long-term insomnia occurs when a person has difficulty falling asleep for more than a month. This, too, can be treated pharmacologically.

Children can suffer from night terrors, sleep walking or other disturbances. However, Dr. Walek said many problems a child will grow out of. Sleep walking as an adult, he said, can signal psycho-social problems.

For more information on sleep and related disorders, click on the National Sleep Foundation's website. Dr. Joseph Walek of Lowell General's sleep disorder clinic said the site is devoted to help lay people understand sleep disorders. The foundation also advocates for funding for research of sleep-related issues, such as limiting

Changes can help

Some small lifestyle changes can help. Dr. Walek recommends the following:

1. Get up at about the same time every day, regardless of when you fall asleep. A regular sleeping regimen is the key to a good night's sleep.
2. Avoid caffeine, alcohol and cigarette smoking for a few hours before you sleep. Cigarettes are more of stimulant than many believe.
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4. Eat a light snack at some point before going to bed. Do not go to bed feeling hungry, but don't eat a big meal right before bedtime either.
5. Do not exercise before bed, however, make sure to get some exercise every day.
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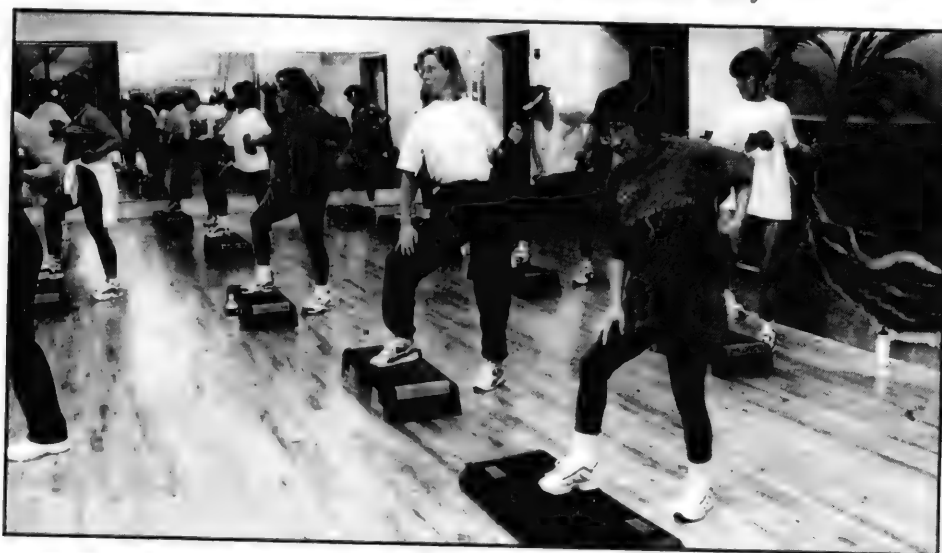
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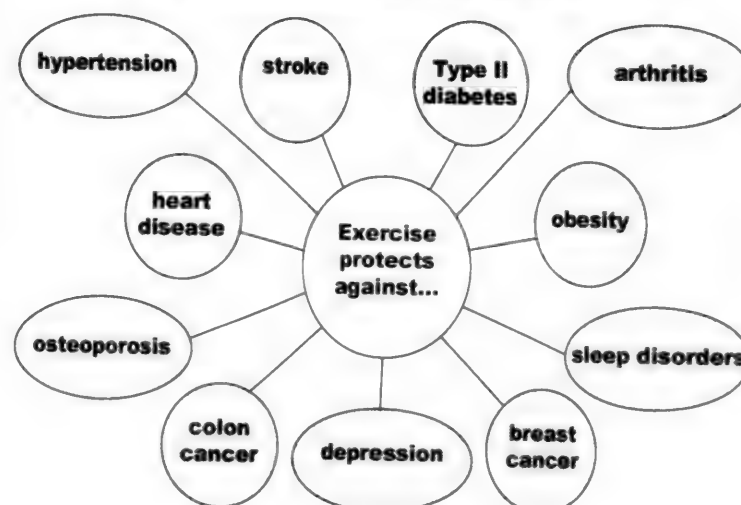
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Study finds combining hormone supplements riskier than estrogen

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Menopausal women using the common hormone supplements estrogen and progestin run a 20 percent higher risk of breast cancer than those who get estrogen alone, a study found.

While the risk of breast cancer is still low for women who take both hormones, the increased odds might further complicate the decision menopausal women must make about their health.

Estrogen is often prescribed to ease hot flashes and other menopause symptoms. It also has been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease and brittle bones.

After research in the 1980s linked estrogen use to uterine cancer, doctors began prescribing it along with progestin, a synthetic form of the hormone progesterone. It helps block estrogen's effect on the uterine lining.

Some previous studies have linked estrogen supplements, either alone or combined with progestin, with higher rates of breast cancer. Other research has found no increased risk.

Hormone-therapy proponents say the risks noted in the current study — published in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association — were too small to be

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significant. Others contend the findings bolster the notion that women weighing hormone use should proceed with caution.

"If a woman is experiencing severe menopausal symptoms that affect her quality of life, fear of breast cancer shouldn't discourage short-term use," said Catherine Schairer, a National Cancer Institute epidemiologist and the study's lead author. With long-term use, she said, there is "considerably more concern."

The study gathered data on hormone use from questionnaires given to 46,355 women in the United States participating in a breast cancer screening project from 1980 through 1995. The survey identified 2,082 breast cancer cases.

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Study finds combining hormone supplements riskier than estrogen

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Compared with women who reported never using hormones, women who used estrogen within the previous four years faced a 20 percent higher risk of breast cancer. For current or previous users of estrogen-progestin, the risk was 40 percent higher than for non-users.

For each year of use, the risk of developing breast cancer increased 1 percent for estrogen-only users and 8 percent for estrogen-progestin users.

Women who had been off either treatment for more than four years

faced no increased risk, regardless of how long they had taken hormones.

Three Harvard University doctors, Walter Willett, Graham Colditz and Meir Stampfer, wrote an accompanying editorial urging further study of the long-term use of both hormones.

They said that the uncertainties raised by the new study and others suggest that long-term treatments other than estrogen and progestin be considered.

"The commonly held belief that aging routinely requires pharmacological management has

unfortunately led to neglect of diet and lifestyle as the primary means to achieve healthy aging," they wrote. "Now is an appropriate time to reassess this emphasis."

Surveys by the North American Menopause Society show that about a third of U.S. women ages 45 to 65 - some 16 million women - use hormone supplements, either estrogen alone or combined with progestin.

Dr. Wolf Utian, executive director of the Menopause Society, said of the new study, "I'd have to see another one or two papers at least before I'd accept this as gospel."

'If a woman is experiencing severe menopausal symptoms that affect her quality of life, fear of breast cancer shouldn't discourage short-term use.'

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Uncle Sam wants America to shape up

By Brigitte Greenberg
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a demanding gym teacher with a very loud whistle, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala exhorted Americans on Tuesday to get off the couch and start walking, running or doing something — anything that resembles exercise.

With more and more people loosening their belts to accommodate a widening girth, Surgeon General David Satcher and Shalala recommended that people start eating more fruits and vegetables and that adults engage in moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes a day.

They recommended that teens engage in 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity three or more times per week.

"If we work together, if we dedicate ourselves to this national agenda, America will become an even healthier nation 10 years from now," Shalala said.

Satcher and Shalala enlisted members of the U.S. women's World Cup championship soccer team to help launch a campaign to improve America's collective health. Goalkeeper Saskia Webber said she hopes to convince people that physical education is as important to a child's schooling as English and math.

"One of the worst cutbacks I think in today's society is the physical education programs in schools," Webber said. "It's a fact that, women especially, (who) are involved in athletics and soccer are

Objectives for a healthy United States

By The Associated Press

The surgeon general's list of health indicators, and objectives for a healthy United States, under the Healthy People 2010 initiative:

Physical activity

- Increase the number of adolescents engaging in vigorous physical activity three or more days per week for 20 or more minutes per occasion.

- Encourage adults to engage in moderate physical activity for at least

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more likely to graduate, are less likely to become pregnant, are less likely to become drug users."

Shalala, the daughter of a gym teacher, characterized the loss of physical education in many schools as a "national tragedy."

Shalala's and Satcher's "Healthy People 2010" is the federal government's third decade-long public health plan. But Shalala said there is added urgency to the message this time because advances in modern medicine can only do so much to reverse the effects of an unhealthy lifestyle.

The plan aims for 30 percent of Americans to exercise 30 minutes each day — today only 15 percent of the

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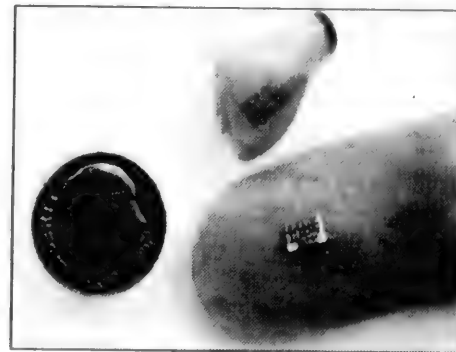
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When you have reached your goal or ideal weight, you will go through a six to eight weeks stabilization phase gradually increasing your caloric intake. This will be followed by a maintenance phase with a daily caloric

intake that should allow you to maintain your desired goal weight. The maintenance phase may last for one full year or more after you have completed stabilization.

At Advanced Weight Loss Systems we also offer the option of using FDA-approved, physician-prescribed weight loss medications. The exact mechanism of action of weight loss drugs varies from drug to drug. Jens H. Lauridsen, M.D., who is a member of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, states that some anti-obesity drugs work by affecting appetite control centers in the brain via modulating neurotransmitter (serotonin/norepineprine) chemical action in the part of the brain called Hypothalamus; the appetite center is located in the hypothalamus. An example of an anorexiant drug that works by inhibiting serotonin/norepineprine “reuptake” is the drug Sibutramine (Meridia). This drug was approved by the FDA in November 1997. We have had extremely good results in terms of weight loss, Dr. Lauridsen states, when using Sibutramine.

However, other drugs are also prescribed by the physicians at the Advanced Weight Loss Centers, such as, for example, Phentermine (Ionamin). Dr. Lauridsen now also prescribes the drug Orlistat (Xenical). This drug blocks your body from digesting up to 30 percent of the fat you eat. If you are a burger-and-fries junkie, Orlistat (Xenical) may help you.

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Uncle Sam wants America to shape up

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population does and reduce by half the number of overweight or obese children, now about 11 percent of kids.

They want teen-agers to quit smoking, cut drug use and either abstain from sex or use condoms.

Satcher's office will collect data from state and local health agencies and from federal agencies that will track each year whether Americans are reaching

goals set by the program.

The program also targets increasing access to health insurance, reducing homicides and even preventing fatal car crashes.

Another goal for the surgeon general is to eliminate racial disparities in health. Americans of all racial and ethnic groups are healthier than they were a decade ago, but considerable disparities exist among whites and other races.

Objectives ...

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30 minutes on a regular basis, if not daily.

Overweight and obesity

- Reduce the number of obese people.

Tobacco use

- Reduce the number of people using tobacco.

Substance abuse

- Reduce the number of adolescents and adults who have used illegal substances in the past 30 days.
- Reduce the proportion of adults who have engaged in binge drinking during the past month.

Responsible sexual behavior

- Increase the usage of condoms among those who are sexually active, while encouraging abstinence among adolescents.

Mental health

- Increase the amount of treatment for those suffering from depression.

Injury and violence

- Reduce the number of deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes.
- Reduce the number of homicides.

Environmental quality

- Reduce the proportion of people exposed to substandard air.
- Reduce the number of nonsmokers exposed to tobacco smoke.

Immunization

- Increase the proportion of young children who receive all universally recommended vaccines.
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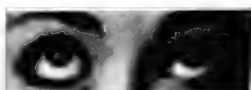
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Witover-Manktelow

Rachel Elaine Manktelow and Capt. Gary Lee Witover were married Aug. 21 at sunset on the beach at Marco Island Resort in Marco Island, Fla.

The couple wrote their vows.

The bride is the daughter of Roberta Fox of Clearwater, Fla., and Paul Manktelow of Phoenix, Ariz. She received a bachelor of science in nursing and is completing a master's of science in nursing as family nurse practitioner at University of Texas Health & Science. She is a registered nurse with Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio, Texas.

Her husband is the son of Dr. Stephen and Joyce Witover of Andover. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Rachel and Gary Witover

The Air Force captain is an instructor pilot at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas.

Following a trip to Sacramento, Calif., the couple live at Beale Air Force Base in California.

Adkins-Walshe

Erin Elizabeth Walshe and Thomas Barry Adkins were married June 19 at Fellowship Bible Church in Methuen. Pastor Daniel Trepanier performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Ryan Walshe of Andover.

Amy Mooney of Derry, N.H., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kerrilyn Frenette of East Hampstead, N.H., the bride's sister, Sue Caldwell of Bradford, Jennifer Tracy and Stephanie Lutz, both of Denver, Colo.

Scott Simmons of Cambridge, Md., was best man. Groomsmen were John Adkins Jr. of Cambridge, Md., brother of the groom, Mark Frenette Sr. and William Hall III, both of East Hampstead, N.H., and James Cline of Pensacola, Fla. The bride's nephews, Mark Frenette Jr. and Madison Frenette, were ringbearers.

Following a reception at Andover Marriott, the couple left for the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly Walshe of Andover and Douglas Walshe of North Andover. The graduate of Fellowship Christian Academy in Methuen is a senior at Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Fla.



Thomas and Erin Adkins

la, Fla.

Her husband is the son of John and Janie Adkins of Cambridge, Md. The graduate of Open Bible Academy in Cambridge, Md., is also a senior at Pensacola Christian College.

The couple live in Pensacola.

Manning-Freedman

Nancy Susan Freedman and Jeffrey David Manning were married on May 15 at Sacred Heart Parish in North Quincy.

Lynn Hapke was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristine Dow, Caryn Freedman, and Christine Speranza. Laura Hapke and Leah Hapke were flower girls.

Best man was Edward Mello. Groomsmen were John Alexander, Jim Cellucci, and Steven Stanley.

Following a reception at the Tirrell Room in Quincy, the couple left for Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Marie Chase of Haverhill and Louis Freedman of Berwick, Maine. She graduated from Honeoye Falls-Lima High School in Honeoye Falls, N.Y., and received a B.S. degree of marketing and recreation management from Franklin Pierce College, and M.S. in training and development from Lesley College. She is employed by the Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. in Quincy as the training manager.

Her husband is the son of Jane Avonlea of Reading and Robert Manning of Andover. The Andover High School graduate earned



Nancy and Jeffrey Manning

a B.S. degree in the hotel, restaurant and travel administration program at University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is a customer service manager at the Stop & Shop Supermarket Co.

The couple in Quincy.

WEDDINGS

McAnally-Freda

Vivian Freda and Christopher McAnally were married June 12 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Tampa, Fla.

The bride is the daughter of Vivian de Cal of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Alex Freda of Tampa, Fla.

The graduate of Florida State University is a property manager with Intergroup Management.

Her husband is the son of Terry and Alan McAnally of Andover.

The graduate of Andover High School and Boston College is a naval aviator flying from the carrier *USS Harry Truman*.

Following a trip to Bermuda, the couple will live in Pensacola, Fla.



Vivian and Christopher McAnally

Kodinsky-Frederick

Sarah Frederick and Michael Kodinsky were married April 24 at Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. The ceremony was performed by Wyndham Shaw and Bob Tranchell.

Anna Frederick of Billerica was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Melissa Shaw of Boston, Bethany Jones of Worcester, Melissa Morris of England, Heather Treadoux of Romania, Danielle Sweeney, Leslie Tabor and Joy Curth, all of Burlington, Vt., and Kristen Shaw of Burlington, Mass.

David Kodinsky of Andover was his brother's best man. Ushers were Steven Frederick of Billerica, the bride's brother, Tommy Alessi of Burlington, Mass., Kevin Miller of Boston, John Haire of Worcester, Scott Sweeney of Burlington, Vt., Naas Treadoux of Romania, Christian Smith of Springfield and Chris Zillman of Boston.

Guest book attendants were Melissa LaFluer and Jessica Miller.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frederick of Billerica. She graduated from Billerica High School and from University of Vermont with a bachelor of science degree in political science. She is a women's ministry leader with Boston Church of Christ.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kodinsky of 79 Wildwood Road.



Sarah and Michael Kodinsky

The Phillips Academy graduate received an art degree from University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is a minister with Boston Church of Christ.

The couple are currently in Skopje, Macedonia.

Following a reception at Indian Ridge Country Club, the couple left for Kingston, Jamaica.

Sullivan-Jordan

Shari Noelle Jordan and Alfred John Sullivan were married May 8 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Rev. Timothy O'Connor performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Alfred and Patricia Jordan of Raleigh, N.C.

The actress and Radio City Rockette graduated from North Carolina State University magna cum laude.

Her husband is the son of Alfred and Regina Sullivan of Andover. The actor recently completed the national tour of *The Wizard of Oz*.

He graduated from Niagara University with a BFA in performance.

The couple live in New York City.



Shari and Alfred Sullivan

OBITUARIES

Walter R. Whitley

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Mr. Whitley had lived in Andover for more than 50 years.

He was profiled ("A Century of Memories") in the Dec. 30 issue of the *Townsmen*.

He worked for many years at Pacific Mills and was assistant plant manager when he retired. He then worked for Raytheon.

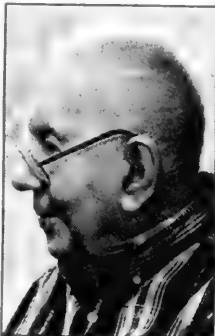
Mr. Whitley held several patents for inventions and had a lifelong interest in science and mechanics.

He was a long-time member of Christ Church and an honorary member of John Hancock Lodge of Masons for more than 76 years.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Paul L. and Lesley J. Whitley of Andover; four granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held Wednesday at Christ Church. Burial was in Walnut Grove in Methuen.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home.



Walter R. Whitley

Charles H. Dufton Longtime Northeastern professor of marketing and chairman of the department

Charles H. Dufton, 88, of Andover died Sunday, Jan. 30, at Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Mr. Dufton was born on High Street in Andover. He attended Phillips Academy (class of 1930) cum laude, Yale University (class of 1934) honors in economics and Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan (1936) and Harvard University (1939).

He began his career as an economist with the Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President, during Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration.

He was a marketing and sales analyst for Bendix Radio in Baltimore, Md., and for Bendix International in New York City.

Mr. Dufton was an instructor in economics at Harvard University prior to joining Northeastern University as professor of marketing and chairman of the department in 1946, where he remained until he retired in 1977. He was a consultant on international marketing to private companies in the United States and overseas.

In retirement he was visiting professor and guest lecturer at Mitchell College in Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia;



Charles H. Dufton

Deree-Pierce College and The American College of Greece, both in Athens, Greece; San Diego State College in California; Merrimack College in North Andover; Hampshire College in New Hampshire; The University of Cape Town and the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, both in South Africa; The University of Canterbury in Christchurch, Massey University in Palmerston North, and The University of Otago in Dunedin, all in New Zealand; and Strathclyde Business School in Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr. Dufton also taught for the University of Maryland Overseas Program on U.S. military bases. He taught in Guam, Japan, Okinawa and Bali with the Asian Division; in Spain at Cadiz, Zaragoza and Rota with the European Division; at Bentwaters in England; Hesseich-Oledendorf and Heidelberg in Germany; and Sigonella and Comiso in Sicily.

Mr. Dufton was past president, director, and committee chairman of local chapters of American Marketing Association, Inter-

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Deaths Elsewhere

FURNESS - Sam E. Furness Jr., 84, of Methuen died Saturday, Jan. 29, at Wingate in Andover.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara A. and Benjamin Stafford of Andover.

MULLEN - Jennie E. (Jackson) Mullen, 93, of the Bradford section of Haverhill, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Glynn Memorial Nursing Home.

Members of her family include her daughter, Mary Ann Smith of Andover.

PIAZZA - Elisa (Mullier) Piazza, 88, of Atkinson, N.H., died Sunday, Jan. 30, at Hospice by the Sea Home in Boca Raton, Fla.

Members of her family include her brother-in-law, Wilfred Boucher of Andover.

ROSENBERG - Merrill Rosenberg, 90 of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of North Andover, died suddenly.

Members of his family include his brother, Sidney Rosenberg of Andover.

RUDIS - Joseph J. Rudis, 87, of North Andover died Thursday, Jan. 27, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Members of his family include his sister, Ann J. Hoessler of Andover.

SMALL - Alice A. Small, 89, of North Andover died Sunday, Jan. 23, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

STRANO - Joseph J. Strano, 65, of Lexington died Thursday, Jan. 27.

Members of his family include his sister, Grace Maccarone of Andover.

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Charles Dufton

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national Center of New England, New England Export Managers' Club, National Sales and Marketing Executives, Boston Conference on Distribution, Association for Education in International Business and a former director of Andover Consumers' Cooperatives and New England Cooperatives Wholesaler. He was a participant in the Summer Visitors' Case Writing Program at Harvard Business School and in a seminar at Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia and a three-time participant at Gesellschaft fuer Ost-und Sudost Kunde, Unterweissenbach, Austria.

He was former chairman and public member of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Minimum Wage Board and published more than 70 business case studies nationally, internationally, and in several languages.

He was a 30-year member of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club and an early member of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America. In 1997 he took part in the 101st (his first) running of the London-to-Brighton (England) run of more than 400 pre-1907 automobiles.

Mr. Dufton was a member of Andover Historical Society and Harvard Club of Andover and interviewed Harvard student applicants up to present.

Mr. Dufton helped his father in the contracting business and designed and constructed houses in Andover, including the house he lived in since 1950.

He spoke six languages. He visited China and Tibet two years ago and spent five weeks in South America in March, including a week-long trip down the Amazon River.

His travels were chronicled in a profile in the *Townsmen* on May 14, 1998.

Members of his family include his daughter, Gayle; son-in-law, Edward Nieburger; and grandson, Braden Charles Nieburger of Andover and North Andover; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the widower of Phyllis Louise (Clark) Dufton.

Funeral services will be pri-

vate and at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were by Anderson-Bryant Funeral Home in Stoneham.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northeastern University, Office of Development and Planned Giving, 325 Richards Hall, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115-9877.

James A. Heighton Former resident worked for Honeywell Corp. for many years

James A. Heighton, 77, of Exeter, N.H., died Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Exeter Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Heighton was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada, and was a Canadian World War II veteran.

The former resident of Andover and Lawrence worked for the Honeywell Corp. for many years before he retired and moved to Exeter 12 years ago.

Members of his family include his wife of 56 years, Marion (Dingwall) Heighton of Exeter; son, James Heighton of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters, Pamela Hartford of Salem, N.H., and Faye Castonguay of Nottingham, N.H.; brother, Roland Heighton of Nova Scotia; sisters, Rhoda Rhoades and Lillian Jackson, both of British Columbia; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

His funeral was held Friday at Brewitt Funeral Home in Exeter. Burial will take place in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery in Kingston, N.H.

Janet M. Cole Scotland native came to Andover in 1930

Janet M. (McComiskie) Cole, 86, of Pine Street died Thursday, Jan. 27, at Sutton Hill Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Cole was born in Methil Fife, Scotland.

She came to Andover in 1930 and worked for Shaw-sheen Mills during World War II. She later worked at Western Electric in North Andover and Raytheon. She was also employed by Phillips Academy to assist Claude Fuess.

Mrs. Cole was a member of Clan Johnson and Order of the Eastern Star of Andover.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Diana K. (Cole) Cole of Hillsborough, N.H.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was married for 61 years to Albert Cole Jr., who died in May.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Free Christian Church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Children Burn Hospital, Blossom Street, Boston, MA.

Catharine Newell Memorial service is at 10 a.m. today

Catharine H. (Hardman) Newell, 70, of Andover died Thursday, Jan. 27, at home.

Mrs. Newell was born in Buffalo, N.Y.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph S. and Barbara Newell of Bourne; daughter and son-in-law, Avis D. Newell and Lorin Moentenich of Portland, Ore.; and two grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Barbara G. Newell.

Cremation took place at Linwood Crematory in Haverhill.

A memorial service will be held today, Thursday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m. at Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 1 Harvard St., Brookline, MA 02146.

William Robinson Was 30-year quality assurance inspector at Western Electric

William Robinson, 76, of Andover died Saturday, Jan. 29, at home.

Mr. Robinson was born in Methuen. He was educated in Lawrence schools and graduated from Lawrence High.

Mr. Robinson served in the Army during World War II and fought in the battle of the Bulge and received the Purple Heart.

He was an inspector in the quality assurance department at Western Electric, now Lucent Technologies, for more than 30 years.

Mr. Robinson enjoyed boating and fishing.

Members of his family include his daughter, June M. Robinson of South Boston; sister, Dorothy Robinson of Las Vegas, Nev.; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said Wednesday in St. Monica Church in Methuen. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, also in Lawrence.

Mary D. LaCouture Taught reading at East, West Junior High schools

Mary D. LaCouture, 75, of Andover died Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Ms. LaCouture was born in Natick.

She received a bachelor's degree at Regis College and a master's degree at Salem State.

She taught reading at East and West Junior High schools.

Ms. LaCouture was an Eucharistic minister at St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her mother, Helen LaCouture of

Florida; nieces and nephews; great-nieces, nephews and cousins; and a longtime friend, Sister Georgina Smith, S.N.D.

Cremation was at Linwood Crematory.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

A memorial Mass will be said Saturday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Casper F. Sorenson Was born, educated here

Casper F. Sorenson, 83, of Salem, N.H., died Saturday, Jan. 29, at Mariner Health Care in Methuen.

Mr. Sorenson was born and educated in Andover.

He moved to Salem 55 years ago. The avid outdoorsman loved hiking, camping and gardening.

Members of his family include his wife, Mable G. Sorenson of Salem; sons, Neil F. Sorenson of Salem and his wife, Morgan Sorenson, Peter J. Sorenson, also of Salem, and Paul V. Sorenson of Manchester, N.H.; daughter and son-in-law, Cassandra A. and James Dalton of Derry, N.H.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the father of the late Timothy I. Sorenson, who died in 1981.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Goundrey & Mundry Funeral Home in Salem, N.H. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA & Hospice of Exeter, N.H., or to American Cancer Society, 360 State Route 101, Suite 501, Bedford, NH 03110-5032.

Late Deaths

McCartney - John M. McCartney, 48, formerly of Andover, died Monday, Jan. 31, at Tewksbury State Hospital.

Members of his family include his mother, Marcelle McCartney of Andover.

Calling hours are tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4, from 11:30 to 12:30 at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be said Friday at 1 p.m. in St. Augustine Church, Andover. Burial is in St. Augustine Cemetery.

WRIGHT - Edwin M. Wright Jr., 72, of Andover, died at home Monday, Jan. 31, after a long illness.

He had been an Andover resident since 1968.

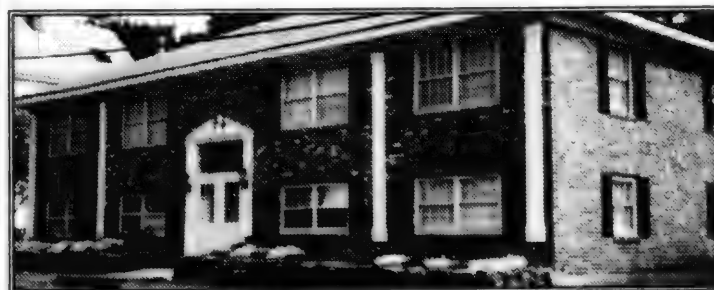
Calling hours are today, Thursday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Charles Dewhirst, Edgerly & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Funeral services are Friday at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Lawrence, 207 Haverhill St., Lawrence.

Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

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Business briefs ...



At the site — From left, Tony Tambone, president of Tambone Corp., California Products president Joseph Junkin and Tambone vice-president Peter Tambone.

California Products launches construction of new home

Anthony A. Tambone, president of Tambone Corp., has announced the start of construction of the new home for California Products Corp. of Cambridge.

After a two-year approval process involving the towns of Tewksbury and Andover, the 70-year-old firm will consolidate its operations currently located in Cambridge and Norwood to the new state-of-the-art office, manufacturing and distribution facility at 150 Dascomb Road. Completion is scheduled for July.

The building will consist of 28,816 square feet of office mezzanine space, 70,000 square feet of manufacturing and 70,000 square feet of distribution space.

The approval process includes the implementation of long- and short-term traffic improvement plans. The short-term traffic plan, which will be completed when the building is finished, will consist of road improvements at the intersection of Dascomb Road and Smith Way, and at Dascomb Road and Shawsheen Street.

A Public Works Economic Development Grant (PWED) application will be submitted this year for funding a more extensive long-term traffic plan, which would include the installation of three traffic lights along Dascomb Road from the I-93 interchange to Shawsheen Street. Tambone Corp. will work with town officials and property owners to improve safety and road capacity via an additional travel lane.

California Products is a manufacturer of paint products, acrylic-based tennis court and running track surfaces. According to **Joseph Junkins**, president, "This represents a tremendously exciting real estate deal for us, a new state-of-the-art facility consolidating our entire operation under one roof, and a central location enabling us to bring our product to market in the fastest possible time."

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'Complementary' practice comes to town

So is it holistic medicine? Alternative health care? Complementary medical practices?

According to David Sollars, licensed acupuncturist, herbal and homeopathic consultant and proprietor of FirstHealth of Andover, which opened recently in Dundee Park, it's probably all of the above.

"I guess complementary is the latest word," he says, "but all of us (in the 'complementary' field) have been working with patients and physicians for years."

And gaining a bit of respect as well. Acupuncture, which has been used for thousands of years and is becoming more mainstream in the U.S., recently passed another hurdle when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration removed acupuncture needles from the category of "experimental medical devices."

But clearly, what Sollars and his associates do remains very much an alternative to conventional medical care. His partners are Susan Kane, a licensed acupuncturist, and Regina Kmet, a licensed massage therapist.

Clients can choose several acupuncture options, from the traditional Chinese needles to electro-auricular therapy, electromagnetic therapy (both non-needle) and bio-magnetic acupuncture.

"They are different ways to do the same thing," Sollars says. Electro-auricular therapy, which is done entirely in a client's ear, uses "correlations between the electrical system in the body and how we manipulate those points," he says. The magnetic treatments are based on the same theory. "We set up currents that exist in the body anyway," he says.

Magnetic therapy, he says, is something he can teach patients to do on their own.

And that, he says, is the goal with all the various therapies he offers. "The slogan is to 'balance health care and self care,'" he says. "You go to somebody else to get health care, but you try to get to a point where you know what to do when you get out of our office."

Herbal medicine makes use of chemical formulas that "are not that far off from conventional medicine," Sollars says. "It's just that there are fewer side effects, or carryover effects that last for weeks."

Homeopathy uses highly diluted sub-



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Just relax — From left, David Sollars, Regina Kmet and Susan Kane attend to their "client," Kathy Peterson, who happens to be the office manager.

stances "to form a pure catalyst for a reaction to take place," Sollars says. "Your body is trying to heal itself, and substances like this allow those changes to take place. It works on a physical, mental and emotional range."

According to a FirstHealth brochure, homeopathic remedies have been used to treat common chronic conditions including anxiety, depression, attention deficit disorder (ADD), respiratory diseases, ear infections, colic and cough.

Sollars, who has been in practice for about 16 years, attended the New England School of Acupuncture, where he also studied in the school's herbal program. He says he served several apprenticeships with Chinese teachers, and opened his first practice with one of his teachers, in Brookline, close to Chinatown.

"I moved up to this area about 12 to 14 years ago when I got married," he says, "and actually I started in Andover. I was asked by Yang's Martial Arts to do a lecture. That was back when Yang's was in Shawsheen Plaza. I did, and about 100 people showed up. They asked if I would start treating people."

For the past seven years he has been in North Andover, but he says his practice outgrew that space.

Sollars says the majority of clients come to him with chronic conditions, after other treatments have failed, "and the body has lost the ability to heal itself. Their lifestyle may be seriously compromised," he says.

He says patients have a great deal of choice in what kind of treatment they want, but he also makes recommendations, since there are certain treatments that tend to work best on specific ailments.

"We want to see (some improvement) within two to three weeks," he says, "and then, as they regain their ability to function, our participation would be infrequent or not at all."

He and his "complementary" colleagues are apparently convincing more than just their clients. While not all health insurers cover such treatments, more and more of them do.

"It's getting better," Sollars says. "About 58 percent of the HMOs are looking to add this coverage. That is the trend."

— Taylor Armerding

Rapids to reopen today, after soot damage

Shoppers who wandered past Rapids, the clothing store on Main Street next to Daher's shoes, this past week, might have wondered if it had suddenly pulled out of town.

Only temporarily, says owner Paul McDevitt, who added that he hoped to have the store open again and at least partially stocked by today, Thursday.

Rapids was forced to close temporarily after a somewhat mysterious fire two Saturdays ago in an ATM on the ground floor of the building, owned by Andover Bank, sent smoke and soot

up through a common wall and into the store, damaging the inventory.

There was no structural damage to any of the building, but McDevitt says the soot had gone through the whole store. "I removed all the stock," he says. "I can't jeopardize the integrity of the store, so we sold every stitch of it to a salvage outfit."

"We are going to be running a pre-tend fire sale," he adds, "but the product that we're selling will not be what was in the building at the time of the fire. We just want to generate aware-

ness that we're still there.

McDevitt, who owns similar stores in Newburyport and Exeter, N.H., says it will take a little time for the store to be fully stocked again. "It's a little tricky at this time of year," he says, "because on the merchandise side, this is the end of fall and winter."

So even with nearly two months of winter to go, "this is when we start to get spring product in."

Andover Bank president Gerald Mulligan says he still doesn't know

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Professional Profile



Attorney Jay D. Raxenberg

Attorney Jay D. Raxenberg recently relocated his practice from Lawrence to his new location in Andover at 77 Main Street. Attorney Raxenberg practices general law, but his area of concentration is in domestic relations. He handles divorce, custody, restraining orders, child support, alimony, visitation, and prenuptial agreements. Attorney Raxenberg refers to himself as "your matrimonial attorney." Attorney Raxenberg is also of counsel to the law firm of Boudreau, Mitchell & Davis, who specialize in bankruptcy law.

Attorney Raxenberg strives to

achieve the three A's in his practice: being affable; being accommodating, and demonstrating his ability and experience to best serve his client's needs.

"During the initial consultation with my clients, I try to ease the fear and anxiety of the divorce process. I achieve this goal by: (1) Fully informing my clients of the procedures so they know what to expect. Divorce is one of the most stressful and personal issues an individual can experience and my role as a good attorney is to 'hand-hold' my clients so they feel as comfortable as possible; (2) I inform both potential and

existing clients that I will accommodate their schedules by making myself available on weekends and evening; and (3) I always tell my clients that their phone calls will be returned by the end of the day. One of the largest complaints from clients is that their attorney does not return phone calls. It is important to me for my clients to be confident and secure that when they need to speak with me, I will be available," said Attorney Raxenberg.

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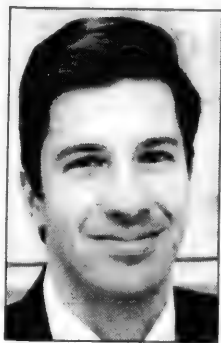
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Dr. Hurchik joins Affiliates in Foot Care

John Hurchik, D.P.M., formerly of Andover Podiatry in Andover recently joined **Peter Paicos Jr., D.P.M.** at Affiliates in Foot Care in Stoneham.

He also works on the Winchester Hospital Wound Care Center's medical staff, and is board certified in podiatric surgery.

Dr. Hurchik earned a doctor of podiatric medicine degree from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and completed an internship, residency, and fellowship at Beth Israel



Dr. John Hurchik

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Sawka joins Fuld & Co.

Kenneth A. Sawka, of Andover, has been named vice president and director, consulting practice, of Fuld & Co., a competitive intelligence consulting firm based in Cambridge.

Sawka will design, develop and install strategically effective competitive intelligence programs and processes for client organizations and counsel senior managers on how to effectively use intelligence.

In making the announcement, Fuld & Co. President **Leonard Fuld** said, "Ken brings an unparalleled level of experience, expertise and commitment to excellence that is the cornerstone of our business philosophy."

Sawka was most recently a consultant with Deloitte Consulting and the Futures Group, and spent eight years as an intelligence analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where he delivered intelligence assessments to key policy makers at the White House, the National Security Council and other key agencies. He also served as trade policy director in the office of the United States Trade Representative.



Kenneth Sawka



Good stories — **Arthur Santos**, of Andover (left), who is chairing the Merrimack Valley 2000 Easter Seals campaign committee, listens as **Mary Ann McLellan** shares Easter Seals camp stories. Also present are **Jacob Kojalo** and **Fred Hansberry**. Hansberry is also from Andover.

Santos chairs Easter Seals campaign

Arthur Santos, of Andover, vice president of Danvers Savings Bank, is chairing the Merrimack Valley 2000 Easter Seals Campaign for Independence.

Working with Santos to raise money to fund Easter Seals services aimed at helping people with disabilities become more independent are **Kim Carpentier** of Andover; **William Crowley**, vice president of Northern Bank & Trust; **Frederick Hansberry**, of Andover, director of marketing at Eastern Casualty Insurance; **Stephen Jaskelevicus**, vice president of Family Bank in Haverhill; **Jacob Kojalo**, senior vice president of Lawrence Savings Bank; **Will Lojek**, president of Lojek Construction in Byfield; **Jane Moran**, assistant vice president of Fleet Bank in Haverhill; **Henry Newell**, vice president of Joan Fabrics in Tyngsboro; **Charles Phair**, president of Buck-

ler, Irvin & Graf in Billerica; **Anastasia Sarantos** of C&I Electrical Supply in Lowell; **Diane Silva**, senior vice president of Enterprise Bank and Trust in Lowell; **Nancy Talbot** of North Reading; and **Paul Wallace**, vice president of Lawrence Savings Bank.

"One of the good things about raising money for Easter Seals is that the money funds direct services for children and adults with disabilities right here in the community," said Santos.

Easter Seals services include technology for independence, physical and occupational therapy, adapted swim programs, summer camp, speech therapy, support groups for people recovering from strokes, vocational rehabilitation, after-school programs, equipment loan, advocacy and information and referral services.

Sawka serves on the executive board of the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals and holds a master of arts degree in international affairs and a bachelor of science degree, cum laude, in political science from The American University in Washington, D.C.

Sawka and his wife, **Kathi**, have two sons, **Nicholas** and **Brett**.

Chamber sets mixer, report from D.C.

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and First Essex Bank will present a mid-winter "Warming Hearts" marketing mixer Tuesday, Feb. 8, at First Essex Bank, 71 Main St., from 5 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person, \$10 for two, and \$15 for non-members.

The Government Affairs Committee of the Chamber will present "A Special Report from

Washington" breakfast with Congressmen **Martin Meehan** and **John Tierney** Monday, Feb. 14, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road from 7:30 to 9 a.m. **Pat Costa**, general manager of Costa Eagle Broadcast, WNNW, WCCM, and WHAV, will be the guest moderator.

The cost is \$15 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

For reservations and more information for these events, call Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 686-0900.

Rapids ...

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what caused the damage. "There were never any flames," he says. "It must have been some smoldering plastic."

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Sports

Championships earned by undefeated girls track, gymnastics

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls track and girls gymnastics teams have both clinched Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 championships and completed their conference seasons undefeated.

The gymnasts capped a perfect 9-0 campaign with recent victories over North Andover, Methuen and Wilmington.

The track team blasted Lowell, 69-17, to improve to 6-0-1 overall and finish 3-0-1 in Division 1 of the MVC.

The Lady Warriors will probably share the title with Chelmsford, 5-0-1 overall and 2-0-1 league with one meet left. All the Lions need do for a co-championship is beat winless Lowell in their finale this afternoon in Lowell.

Two other Andover girls teams are on the threshold of league titles this winter, the basketball squad leading the MVC Division 1 pack while the girls ski team is challenging for North Shore League co-honors with Mas-

conomet Regional for the second straight year.

On the AHS boys side, trackman Charles Murnane had another outstanding dual meet against Lowell as he won two events while tying the league record in the 50-yard high hurdles and equaling a personal best in the high jump.

In boys hoop Andover, Methuen and Central Catholic head down the regular-season homestretch embroiled in a heated three-way battle for the MVC Division 1 title.

SKIING

The Andover High girls ski team rolled to three more wins, beating Haverhill twice (99-36 and 110-25) and Bishop Fenwick of Peabody once (111-24) to qualify for the State Alpine Championship Meet and set up a big showdown against undefeated Masconomet Regional for a share of the North Shore League title.

The AHS boys, despite losing two of three recent meets, continued to exceed expectations and remain in the hunt for a berth in the State Meet scheduled March 1.

The boys defeated Masconomet Regional (77.5 to 56.5) and lost to North Andover (90-45) and unbeaten league leader St. John's Prep (89.5 to 45.5).

Those results hiked the girls overall record to 8-1 while the boys dipped to 6-3.

Schedule

This afternoon at Bradford Hill Ski Area (3:15 p.m.) the boys have a makeup of a snowed-out tri-meet against Haverhill and Bishop Fenwick.

The annual North Shore Interscholastic Race, with both girls and boys divisions, is scheduled next Tuesday afternoon at Bradford Hill (3:15 p.m.).

Injury report

Top girls racer Sherri Conrad hooked her arm in a gate on Sunday and missed the AHS sweep of Fenwick and Haverhill.

Her arm was in a sling but Conrad was expected to be ready for the big meet with Masco.

Andover girls 99 Haverhill 36

The Lady Warriors had a 1-2 finish from Sherri Conrad (23.61) and Lisa Tylus (23.92).

Also placing top 10 for the locals were Jessica Moody (5th, 24.60), Erin Zuena (6th, 25.11), Courtney Conlon (7th, 25.45), Brittany Traynor (8th, 25.51), Anna Vining (9th, 25.63) and Tina Jette (10th, 26.25).

Completing the scoring for AHS were Jeanna Ricci (12th, 26.29), Jennie Williams (14th, 26.85) and Ellen Donahue (15th, 26.87).

Andover girls sweep

Despite the absence of Sherri Conrad, AHS took the top four places against Haverhill and four of the top five versus Fenwick.

Lisa Tylus was the overall winner against both opponents with a 22.40 clocking.

Erin Zuena took a second and

third (22.61), Jessica Moody a third and fourth (22.94) and Anna Vining a fourth and fifth place (23.23).

Finishing 6th through 9th in both meets were Jeanna Ricci (23.47), Brittany Traynor (23.67), Jennie Williams (23.72) and Dorothy Stowe (23.86).

Courtney Conlon earned a 10th and 12th place (24.25), Tina Jette an 11th and 13th (24.27), Ellen Donahue a 13th and 14th (24.93) and Sloan McCauley a 14th and 15th (24.99).

North Andover 90

Andover boys 45

The Scarlet Knights swept the top four places to key their victory.

Justin Roy was the first AHS skier to score with a 5th-place finish (21.08).

Also in the top 10 were Ryan Hayes (7th, 21.12), Ben Davis (9th, 21.29) and Jeff Marshall (10th, 21.36).

Completing the scorers were Matt Jaracz (12th, 21.61) and Phil Bancroft (14th, 21.70).

Andover boys split

In the loss to powerhouse St. John's Prep, Jeff Marshall led the way for AHS with a 4th place finish in 20.93. Ryan Hayes was 7th in 21.20, Ben Davis and Justin Roy tied for 8th in 21.28 and Phil Bancroft was 12th in 21.51.

Marshall was runner-up versus Masconomet in the same tri-meet. Hayes took 4th, Davis and Roy were 5th and Bancroft 7th.

Also scoring against the Chieftains were Luke Larson (8th, 22.49), Aaron McNabb (12th, 23.00), Andre Perron (13th, 23.03), Matt Jaracz (14th, 23.04) and Ryan Macomber (15th, 23.18).

BOYS SWIMMING

Senior Capt. Jim Russo, junior John D'Ambrosio and sophomore Justin Crocker were all double event winners as the Andover High boys swim and dive team avenged an earlier loss to Lowell with an 89-82 dual meet victory at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

That triumph enabled the Golden Warriors to split a pair of recent Merrimack Valley Conference duals, the other meet a 94-71 loss to conference champion Chelmsford.

Schedule

Andover is idle until next Friday (Feb. 11) when it competes in the annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet at Haverhill High (3 p.m.).

The North Sectionals are Feb. 19 at Haverhill and the All-State Meet is Sunday, Feb. 27 at Springfield College.

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Elaine Kazakevich boards the AHS girls ski team bus heading to Bradford Hill.



▲ Above, Jennie Williams (in front) and Krissy Leonard are ready to compete on the ski slopes. ▼ Below, on the bus with co-captains Brittany Traynor (left) and Anna Vining.

Photos by Carol Van Doren



AHS ROUNDUP

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Andover 89 Lowell 82

This satisfying victory allowed the locals to split with Lowell after a 96-88 loss back on Dec. 17.

"It was an all-around strong effort by everyone," said coach Mark Taffe. "The kids really wanted to beat Lowell because they knew we should have won the first time around."

Jim Russo touched first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:15.37) and the 100 free (56.65).

John D'Ambrosio was tops in the 50 free (24.47) and 100 butterfly (1:04.25), and Justin Crocker beat the field in the 200 free (2:00.00) and 100 backstroke (59.97).

Other individual winners for AHS, which placed first in 11 of the 12 events, were junior Luke Moskal in the 500 free (5:25.22) and freshman Colin Callahan in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.46).

The Golden Warriors also swept first in all three relays.

The 200 medley crew consisted of Crocker, Callahan, junior Rich Roda and Moskal (1:59.44).

The 200 free quartet was Russo, Callahan, freshman Chris Lee and Moskal (1:51.62), while the victorious 400 free foursome included Roda, freshman Mike Avila, D'Ambrosio and Crocker (4:03.90).

Runners-up for the locals were Roda in both sprints, the 50 free (26.82) and 100 free (1:04.02), junior Rick Umlah (100 back, 1:19.92) and Moskal (100 breast, 1:13.53).

The 200 medley relay of Umlah, Russo, D'Ambrosio and Avila was also second.

Individual third places went to Avila in the 200 free (2:25.45) and 100 fly (1:11.24), Callahan (200 IM, 2:27.67), Umlah (50 free, 29.09), Lee (100 free, 1:06.48) and sophomore Rob Lakow (500 free).

Third-place relay teams were the 200 free crew of senior Thiago Santos, Umlah, Jonathan Leung and junior James Paull (2:06.14) along with the 400 free squad of Lakow, Paull, Lee and Leung (4:55.77).

Lowell swept the one-meter diving with Thanh Tran the winner (123.45 points).

Chelmsford 94 Andover 71

Justin Crocker produced the only first-place finish for the Golden Warriors against perennial Merrimack Valley Conference champ Chelmsford, swimming the 500-yard freestyle race in 5:05.72 to edge out teammate and Jim Russo (5:07.22).

Crocker also had a second in the 100 backstroke (1:01.72), while other runners-up were Luke Moskal (200 IM, 2:18.97) and Rich Roda (50 free, 26.34).

The 200 medley relay of Crocker, Moskal, John D'Ambrosio and Russo placed second in 1:54.18, while the 200 free quartet of Roda, Crocker, Russo and D'Ambrosio was also second in 1:43.59.

Third-place finishers for the locals were D'Ambrosio (200 IM, 2:20.34) and Mike Avila (100 butterfly, 1:04.60).

For Chelmsford, 7-0 league and 9-1 overall, Rich Kinnett was a double winner in the 100 free (53.47) and 100 backstroke (59.54) and he also swam a leg on the Lions' victorious 200 medley and 400 free relays.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Rob Ginsberg, Matt Jones and Phil Collins produced first-place finishes as the Andover High boys gymnastics team posted its best

score of the season in a close 93.40 to 90.00 dual-meet loss to host and Eastern Mass. League rival Burlington.

The Golden Warriors (1-4) also picked up their first victory by claiming a forfeit against Newton South.

The scheduled home opener against South was twice postponed by snow, and on the third date the Newton coach called to report his team had been hit hard by the flu bug.

"We had to take the forfeit because it's getting late in the season and we didn't want to mess up the league schedule any further," said AHS co-head coach Jack Gleason.

"We had a crowd waiting for Newton South to arrive that night, and when they didn't show we put on an intra-squad meet for the people.

"There may have been more pressure on our kids in that one because I was judging," said Gleason. "But the kids kept their cool and performed very well. The crowd was appreciative so it all worked out for the best."

Schedule

Andover hosts league rival Revere this afternoon at the Dunn Gym (4 p.m.), and the dual meet finale is next Thursday night at home versus Braintree High (7 p.m.).

Burlington 93.40

Andover 90.00

Sophomore Rob Ginsberg placed first on the side horse with a 5.0 score, while junior Matt Jones and senior Phil Collins tied for the top spot on parallel bars with identical 4.3 scores.

Jones added a pair of second places on side horse (4.7) and rings (4.5), finished third on high bar (3.9) and had a 22.50 all-around score while competing in every event except the vault.

Sophomore Todd Putnam contributed a second place in floor exercise (6.2) and a third in the vault (7.6), while sophomore Mike Morrissey was second on the high bar (4.4).

"We performed very well but Burlington won the meet by beating us in the vault and floor exercise," said coach Gleason.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shannon Sweeney led four Andover High girls varsity basketball players into double figures with 17 points, as the Lady Warriors stretched their Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 lead to two games with a come-from-behind 63-53 victory over co-runnerup Methuen at the Dunn Gym.

The locals, 12-2 overall and 10-0 atop the standings, erased a seven-point halftime deficit and held the defending state Division 1 champions to 16 points in the second half.

The win was head coach Jim Tildsley's 90th in less than five years at Andover High. His overall record is a sparkling 90-16.

Schedule

AHS hosts Chelmsford tomorrow

night at the Dunn Gym, and next week hosts Division 2 power Central Catholic on Wednesday and travels to Haverhill on Friday (all 7:30 p.m. games).

Tisbert update

Junior guard Lisa Tisbert has a doctor's appointment tomorrow at which time she may be cleared to return to the team.

"We have definitely felt her loss," said coach Tildsley. "Hopefully she'll get the green light to come back and we'll have her in shape in time for the tournament. She's anxious to play."

Scoring leaders

Freshman Jenny Muller has netted 193 points, Lindsey Pearson 183, Shannon Sweeney 106, Michelle Danis 90, Lisa Tisbert 76 and Megan Pinksten 73.

Andover 63

Methuen 53

Playing their first game in a week, the Lady Warriors were sluggish defensively in the opening half as the visiting Rangers raced out to a 37-30 lead.

"We played awful defense in the first half," said Tildsley. "Methuen was hitting its shots and doing everything well."

The final 16 minutes were a completely different story.

"We stuck to our man-to-man defense in the second half, but played it with more intensity and held them to 16 points," noted Tildsley.

Sophomore forward Shannon Sweeney, playing her best all-around game of the season, finished with 17 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Jenny Muller added 13 points and seven assists, sophomore center Megan Pinksten 11 points, 10 boards and Capt. Lindsey Pearson 10 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Capt. Michelle Danis contributed seven points, nine boards and sophomore guard Katie Kramer produced five points, five assists and a solid defensive job against Methuen sharpshooter Jillian Middlemiss.

Kramer made Middlemiss work hard for her four field goals and 13 total points. Also in double digits for the Rangers was game-high scorer Amy Johnson with 18 points.

Andover High girls basketball point guard Jenny Muller is the winner of the Baystate Financial Services Award for outstanding play for the week of Jan. 21.

Coach Jim Tildsley says Muller has played particularly well in the team's last three games. "She had 19 points against Braintree, 14 against Notre Dame of Tyngsboro and 26 against Central Catholic.

Muller, who is averaging seven

ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL (14 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Jenny Muller	73	35	193
Lindsey Pearson	81	16	183
Shannon Sweeney	47	12	106
Michelle Danis	40	10	90
Lisa Tisbert	27	13	76
Megan Pinksten	30	13	73
Katie Kramer	14	8	36
Kristen Swoboda	9	2	20
Karen Whelan	6	3	15
Samantha Hughes	3	4	10
Shawna Foley	4	1	9
Kelly McLaughlin	4	0	8
Allison James	2	1	5
Stephanie Fish	0	3	3

3-pointers: Muller 12, Tisbert 9, Pearson 5.

assists per game, is "a floor leader," according to Tildsley, who "makes real good decisions during the game."

"She had a great game against Central. Her six-for-six foul shooting was important — the final four foul shots really iced the game for us. She was the player of the game in that game."

INDOOR TRACK

There were a number of outstanding individual performances as the undefeated Andover High girls indoor track team earned a share of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 crown with the resounding 69-17 romp over Lowell.

Schedule

Both AHS teams traveled uptown yesterday to face non-league foe Phillips Andover in the final dual meet of the season (the meet was run after *Townsmen* presstime).

Ironically, Dick Collins, who coached AHS track for close to four decades before retiring, has stepped in for one year as coach of the Big Blue. Collins is a PA graduate and former sprint standout on its track team.

Next up for Andover is the State Class B Meet on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Injury report

Junior middle distance runner Adam Gardner suffered severe whiplash in an automobile accident last week.

The injury kept him out of the Lowell meet and Gardner was listed as questionable for yesterday at Phillips Academy.

Andover girls 69 Lowell 17

The Division 1 champs placed first in eight of the 10 events, sweeping the high jump and 300 while also finishing 1-2 in the hurdles, 1000, two-mile and shot put.

Cleaning house in the high jump were Capt. Liz Connors, Alexis Contos and sophomore Natasha Camilo as all three cleared 4'8."

The 1-2-3 showing in the 300

Bellacqua named to All-New England soccer team

By Rick Harrison

Earlier this week Andover High senior Paul Bellacqua became the first boys soccer player in the history of the AHS program to be named All-New England.

Bellacqua, the only player from the Merrimack Valley Conference and one of a select few from Eastern Massachusetts schools, is a three-year All-Conference selection who holds the Andover records for scoring in a season and for a career.

Bellacqua was among the top scorers in the state last fall with a school-record 27 goals and 13 assists.

He finished his three-year varsity career with 56 goals and 28 assists.

"His freshman season Paul played very little," said Andover veteran head coach Dave Amundsen. "He was recovering from a broken leg suffered over the summer in club soccer."

Had Bellacqua been able to play all four years he would have made a serious run at 100 career points.

The All-New England team is selected by members of the National Soccer Coaches Association.

"It's a very unique honor," said Amundsen. "We had a couple of kids way back that might have been considered had there been an All-New England team at the time."

Bellacqua, also a standout point-guard on the AHS boys varsity basketball team, poured through a season-high 23 points Tuesday night to help the Golden Warriors to a key 66-58 win over Lowell.

He will attend Elon College in North Carolina next fall where he intends to play soccer.

"The Elon men's soccer team just went Division 1 a couple years ago," said Amundsen. "They're trying to build a strong program and Paul should fit in quite well."

AHS ROUNDUP

dash was achieved by Stephanie Casper (42.7), freshman Janelle LaRose (43.0) and sophomore Kaitlin Hill (43.2).

Junior shot putter Ogechi Ibe finished undefeated in MVC meets with a winning 34'5 3/4" toss. She also has the longest throw of the season in the conference (35'9").

Ibe was backed by junior runner-up Robin Young (31'0").

Placing 1-2 in the 50 hurdles were juniors Sheena Patel (7.4) and Stephanie Pierce (7.7), while 1-2 in the 1000 were sophomore Lindsey Durkin (3:04.0) and Jessie DeFrancisco (3:07.4).

Junior Caitlin Woo (13:18.4) and Julia Kwolyk (13:58.0) were 1-2 in the two-mile, and the other individual victor was junior miler Emily Pfeil (5:54.1).

The Lady Warriors' winning 4x400 relay consisted of three freshmen and a sophomore as Brystal Konjoian, Amanda Bucholtz, Liz Sullivan and Christina Araujo crossed in 4:56.

Other runners-up were senior sprinter Jenny Hsu (50 dash, 6.7) and senior Capt. Caity Murray (600 run, 1:37.7).

Rounding out the AHS scorers with thirds were sophomore Julie Marvin (50 dash, 6.8), senior Capt. Allison Corey (600 run, 1:38.6) and sophomore miler Laura O'Connell (6:19.8).

Lowell 52

Andover boys 34

Senior Capt. Charles Murnane tied the conference high hurdles record set last year by Central Catholic All-Scholastic Niall Murphy, breaking the tape in a blistering 6.3 seconds.

He completed his fifth double win of the season by clearing 6'2" in the high jump to equal his personal-best leap indoors. The height also tied the best effort in the conference this winter as Matt Thoren of Chelmsford has also jumped 6'2."

Senior Jeremy Spiegel tied this season's conference best in the 50 dash when he won in 5.6 seconds. The league record, shared by more than a dozen sprinters, is 5.5.

Andover's other first came from junior Tim Galebach who ran the two-mile in a personal-best 10:03.4.

Placing second for the locals were senior Mike Giles (50 dash, 5.8), sophomore speedster Mike Donahue (300 dash, 37.1) and senior shot putter Adam Spiller (39'6 1/2").

Seniors Nishant Mehta and Brian DeAngelo tied for third in the high jump (5'4"). Other Andover third places were earned by junior hurdler Alex Champion (7.2), junior Mike Ring (1000 run, 2:38.3), senior miler and Capt. Greg Stamm (4:58.5) and senior shot putter and Capt. Mike Burnett (39'4").

"Our best 600 runner (Capt. Terrance Fitzsimmons) was unable to compete (illness) and we didn't have Adam Gardner because of the automobile accident," said AHS head coach Art Iworsley. "We had to juggle our lineup in the 300, 600, 1000 and

mile which cost us points."

Lowell ended up sweeping the 600, finishing 1-2 in the 1000 and mile and 1-3 in the 300 to score 31 of its 52 points in those four races.

"This is the first boys meet that wasn't decided by the mile relay," said Iworsley. "But I think if we had a full team — with everyone running in his best event — we could have taken this one down to the last race, too."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team completed its fourth undefeated dual meet season in the last decade, and clinched its latest conference championship, with recent victories over North Andover, Methuen and Wilmington.

The Lady Warriors, who finished a perfect 9-0 in duals, registered a 137.50 to 128.55 victory over previously-undefeated North Andover.

They followed up by officially clinching the title while reaching the elusive and exclusive 138 mark with a 138.00 to 128.70 triumph over Methuen at the Dunn Gym.

Andover and Danvers should get the top two seeds for the upcoming North Sectional Championships.

"Danvers has scored 138 twice and that's a concern," said Andover head coach Julie Chapman. "Whoever has the best average score will get the top seed and first rotation at Sectionals."

Andover is now 56-4 in its last 60 dual meets, 71-5 over the last 76 and 92-13 overall since the 1989 season.

Injury report

Capt. Krit Kearins missed the North Andover meet when a recurring back problem flared up.

"Her back was a little sore — and because Krit is so important for us on beam and vault we didn't want to take any chances," said coach Chapman. "We want her healthy for MVCs, Sectionals and States."

Kearins did return as good as ever for the Methuen and Wilmington meets.

"It's a problem that seems to flare up every year," said Chapman. "This year we don't know what triggered it. The rest did her good."

MVC Meet at Andover

The Dunn Gym will be the site of the MVC Championship Meet this Saturday night.

The meet brings together all 10 conference schools for both team and individual competition.

It is the first time in several years Andover has served as host. The first event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. with pre-meet warmups beginning at 4 p.m.

Sectionals, All-State

The exact site of the North Sectional Meet still has not been determined, but the seedings will be done next week at MIAA head-

quarters in Milford.

The All-State Meet, which brings together the top four teams from the North and South Sectionals, is listed for Saturday, Feb. 26 at Foxboro High.

Andover 138.00

Methuen 128.70

Kristen Elsmore and Becky Hass placed 1-2 in all four events and the all-around competition as AHS achieved the impressive 138.00 score.

Elsmore also equaled the school record all-around score of 36.30 first posted by Julie Mullane against North Andover in a 1998 dual meet.

Elsmore was tops on the uneven bars (9.1), balance beam (8.9), vault (9.0) and floor exercise (9.3) on the way to the record-tying total.

Hass checked in with an 8.65 on bars, 8.5 on beam, 8.65 in vault and 8.9 in floor for a 34.70 all-around.

Sheri Bernstein placed third on bars (8.6), tied for fourth in floor (8.7) and scored 7.45 on beam.

Krit Kearins, Bahaar Massihzadegan and Renee Fung tied for fourth in the vault with identical 8.3 scores, Jackie Barry was fourth on beam (8.25) and Katie Cail tied for fourth in floor (8.7).

Kearins added 7.95 scores on both beam and floor, Massihzadegan had a 7.75 on bars and 8.05 in floor, and Cail a 7.45 on bars.

Fung also had strong efforts on bars (8.2) and vault (8.3), while Gretchen Fuhr scored 7.6 in vault and 7.4 on beam.

Andover 137.50

North Andover 128.55

Kristen Elsmore placed first in three events, Becky Hass in the other, and the talented pair finished first and a close third respectively in the all-around competition as the Lady Warriors matched their highest team score of the season achieved earlier against Masconomet Regional.

Elsmore equaled her season best on the uneven bars with a 9.3, added an 8.7 on balance beam and shared first with North Andover's Alicia Moulton in floor exercise as both scored 9.1.

Elsmore was second in vault with an 8.6 and posted a meet-high 35.70 all-around score.

Fellow sophomore Hass won the vault competition with an 8.7, tied Moulton for second on bars (8.8) and beam (8.6), and placed fourth in floor (8.7) for a 34.80 all-around (Moulton was 34.90).

Also finishing top four were freshman Sheri Bernstein on bars (8.6), junior Gretchen Fuhr on beam (personal-best 8.4) and sophomore Bahaar Massihzadegan who tied in vault (8.3).

Bernstein contributed an 8.6 in floor and 8.3 on beam, Massihzadegan scored 8.3 in floor and 8.0 on bars, junior Renee Fung a personal-best 8.4 on bars and 8.1 in vault, and freshman Katie Cail 8.2 in floor and 7.2 on beam.

Fuhr also competed in the vault (8.0), while doing one event each were junior Kaitlin Doyle (bars, 7.5), sophomore Jackie Barry (beam, 8.1), junior Beth Upton (vault, 7.4) and junior Capt. Maureen Lothrop (floor, 7.6).

"Our floor wasn't great

tonight," said coach Chapman. "Beam was better but still not the best we can do."

"Bars keep getting better and better. The 35.10 we scored (top four girls) was the highest in a long time in that event."

ICE HOCKEY

Despite two goals from Dennis Moran the Andover High hockey team dropped a hard-fought 4-2 decision to undefeated Merrimack Valley League Division 2 leader Boston Latin at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

That loss, coupled with a 9-1 setback the MV/DCL Division 1 frontrunner Billerica, left the Golden Warriors at 4-9 overall.

Andover must finish first or second in the league, or accumulate 50 percent of its possible points, to qualify for the Eastern Mass. Division 2 North Tournament.

At 3-4 in MV/DCL Division 2 the locals are currently four points behind second place Methuen (5-2) for that final tourney berth.

Schedule

AHS had a key MV/DCL Division 2 game last night against Haverhill, and Saturday morning the Golden Warriors host league foe Westford Academy at the Merrimack Valley Forum (10 a.m.).

A potentially big showdown with Methuen is scheduled down the road on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Forum.

Scoring Leaders

After 13 games Brad Dunn and Andy Ryan were tied for the team scoring lead with 11 points each, Dunn boasting four goals, seven assists and Ryan three goals, eight assists.

Dennis Moran had three goals, six assists and Jon Ofria four goals, four assists.

Hat Trick Club Web Site

The Andover 'Hat Trick Club' has a Web Site. To check it out go to www.ahshockey.com on the Internet to learn the latest about the AHS team and club activities.

Billerica 9

Andover 1

Even though the final score against powerful MV/DCL Division 1 leader Billerica wasn't pretty, Golden Warriors' head coach Bill Cullen saw some positives.

"I thought we played a nice game the majority of the time," said Cullen. "Our problem is we play well in spurts, then have a lapse just long enough for the other team to pop in a couple goals."

"After two very strong defen-

ANDOVER SCORING

ICE HOCKEY (13 games)

	G	A	Pts
Brad Dunn	4	7	11
Andy Ryan	3	8	11
Dennis Moran	3	6	9
Jon Ofria	4	4	8
Tim LeGrow	3	4	7
Brendan Gleason	1	6	7
Peter Burbank	4	2	6
Steve Johnson	2	3	5
Mike Corey	1	4	5
John Stearns	2	2	4
John Ronan	1	2	3
Chris Cataldo	2	0	2
Matt Busby	1	1	2
Lars Keil	0	2	2
George Lewis	0	1	1
Jeff Stearns	0	1	1
Jeff Vallera	0	1	1

Shutouts: Chris Salini 1.

sive games we did well again in the first period — then had a brief letdown before finishing strong."

The Indians led only 1-0 after the first period and increased the advantage to 4-0 after 30 minutes.

Sophomore defenseman Tim LeGrow netted an unassisted power play goal to put the locals on the board with 1:38 left in the third period.

MV/DCL Division 1 scoring leader Chris Dussault paced Billerica with a hat trick and three assists, while Dan Butcher added two goals, three assists and Jarrett Scarpaci one goal, four assists.

Chris Salini played the first 40 minutes in the AHS net, stopping 38 of the 46 shots he faced. Junior Brendan Gatlin took over for the final five minutes and made six saves while surrendering one goal.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys basketball team snapped a brief two-game losing skid with a 66-58 win over Lowell on Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

The victory came after the Golden Warriors had stumbled again, dropping a 74-59 decision to Methuen which moved into a first-place tie with Central Catholic in the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 standings following this win.

Methuen, Central and Andover head down the regular-season homestretch embroiled in a heated three-way battle for the division title.

Schedule

Andover returns to action next Tuesday night when it host non-league Brockton High at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.).

The regular season comes to a boil with an exciting stretch run that includes head-to-head matches with other MVC Division 1 challengers Haverhill (Feb. 11, home), nemesis Methuen (Feb. 15, home) and Central Catholic (Feb. 23, away).

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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Webmaster and fly-fishing community leader for the Prodigy service. He has lectured on fly-fishing topics throughout New England and corresponds with fly fishermen around the world through the Internet.

According to Crow, the Internet offers an unprecedented opportunity for people to enhance the quality of

their life and leisure time pursuits at minimal cost and with little effort. This presentation is especially useful to fly anglers, but will be of interest to those who want to enhance their Internet experience in leisure-time pursuits. Whether for education, techniques, travel, equipment, weather, fishing locations, local conditions, stream flow, lodging, guide services, entertainment, or friendship, the Internet can enhance your fly fishing experience. A live Internet connection will be used to access the World Wide Web,

Usenet User Groups, Search Engines, and Email. A few fish stories might be included to keep things lively, he said.

Later this month

Jack Gartside will provide a slide show on fishing for striped bass in Boston Harbor next Thursday, Feb. 10, and conduct a fly-tying demonstration.

The program title will be "Flyfishing Adventures in Boston Harbor: On Shore and in the Islands." The emphasis will be fishing on foot (as opposed to fishing from a

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Quota International of Andover donates children's books to YWCA

Quota International of Andover, represented by District 29 Governor Diane M. Labrecque and Service Committee Chairman Marcia Golden, both of Andover, recently donated nearly 200 children's books to the YWCA of Greater Lawrence's child care programs.

The books were collected at the International Convention of Quota International held in

Boston in July. Quota members from 13 countries contributed more than 1,100 books that were divided among District 29 clubs to donate to charities of their choice locally.

"Quota International of Andover often works with the YWCA's domestic violence residential OASIS program," said Golden. "When we learned about the children's programming at the YWCA, we knew the books would be put to good use in helping children to learn and practice reading."

"The books will be used in preschool and kindergarten classrooms every day," said YWCA Child Care Director Cherise Milliken, M.Ed. "The new books will provide variety for the children and will help us keep our reading program fresh and exciting for the children and the teachers."

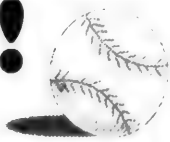


They're booked - From left, Diane M. Labrecque of Andover, District 29 Governor of Quota International, stands with YWCA Child Care Director Cherise Milliken and Quota International of Andover's Service Committee Chairman Marcia Golden of Andover. The club recently donated nearly 200 books to the YWCA preschool and kindergarten programs.



"It's Not Just an Award, It's an Adventure." - The Senior Center and Andover High School were honored recently in Washington, D.C., for their joint intergenerational program "Aging Is An Adventure." Andover was one of 12 programs selected from almost 400 applicants across the country by the U.S. Committee. Programs chosen were based on creativity, replicability, and adherence to the theme "A Society For All Ages." Shown accepting the award are, from left, Jeanne Madden, director of Elder Service; Shauna Foley, Andover High School; Karli Jaffe, AHS '99; Alma Cooney and Frances Campbell, Senior Center members; Jay Darrin, AHS community service director; and Pat Becker, Senior Center program coordinator.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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boat) and will treat fish habits, structure, flies, techniques and strategies for catching stripers.

Gartside has been fly fishing for more than 40 years, organizers said, and has accumulated "an extraordinary range of experience" fishing in fresh water and salt, in this country and all over the world.

He has been profiled in *Sports Illustrated*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Fly Fisherman Magazine*, *Fly Fishing in Salt Waters*, *Villmarks Liv* (Norwegian), *La Pêche en Mer* (French), *Tight Loop* (Japanese) and other magazines and newspapers here and abroad.

Gartside has written articles for all the above magazines and a number of others.

He has conducted fly-tying seminars and fly-fishing programs for 25 years throughout this country and abroad, including England, France, Norway, New Zealand, and Japan.

He is the author of *Striper*

Flies, the first book ever written dealing specifically with this subject. His latest book is *Striper Strategies*.

Feb. 17 will feature Ed Lombard on fly fishing in New England.

A separate display room will be set aside for literature, catalogs, and magazines from selected manufacturers. Fishing equipment, flies, tackle, maps and photographs will also be on display throughout the month.

Fly-tying demonstrations by members of Andover Fly Fishers will be held Wednesdays through Feb. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the circulation area on the first floor.

For more information, call Norma Gammon, community service coordinator, at 623-8401, Ext. 49.

Kiwanis February Feast

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence invites the public to its February Feast Fundraiser to be held Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Lawrence Elks, 652 Andover, St., Lawrence, at 7 p.m. There will be dinner, dancing and a silent auction. All proceeds will be dis-

bursed to area youth groups such as The Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA, and

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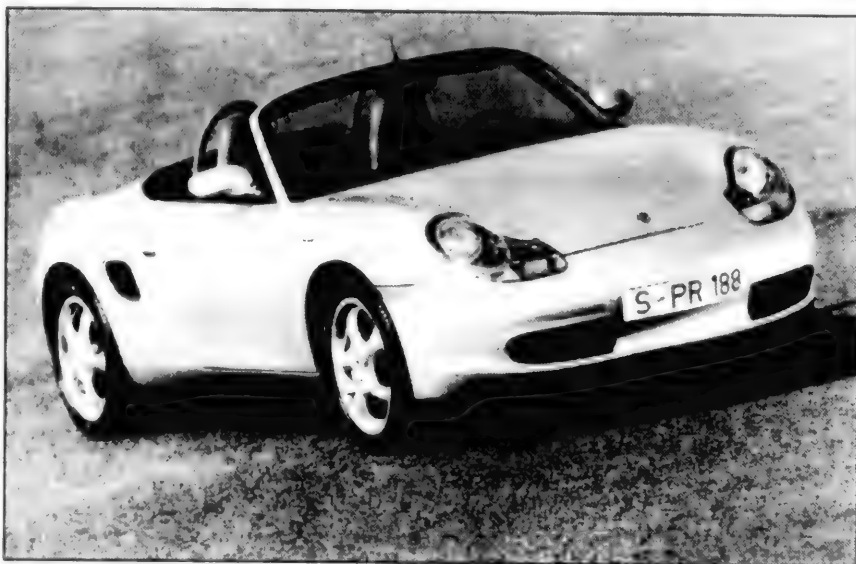
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AHS ROUNDUP

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Scoring leaders

Tom McLaughlin, soon to be the all-time leading scorer in Andover hoop history, has 408 points for the season and 1,322 for his career.

Brad Stubenhaus is next in line with 213 points this winter. Paul Bellacqua has 99, Kevin Shepard 84 and Dave Cordima 81.

Andover 66

Lowell 58

Just days after being selected All-New England in soccer (story, page 38), AHS senior point-guard and Capt. Paul Bellacqua buried four three-pointers and

scored a game and season-high 23 points to spark the locals past Lowell.

Andover appeared headed for an easy win after jumping ahead by 19 points at the half (41-22), but Lowell kept chipping away and with two minutes left had trimmed the deficit to three points.

The Red Raiders missed what would have been a game-tying three-pointer, and Bellacqua followed by nailing a crucial trifecta at the other end to give the winners some much-needed breathing room.

Tom McLaughlin contributed 22 points

for Andover, and Capt. Brad Stubenhaus also reached double figures with 11 points.

Completing the scoring for AHS were junior guard Kevin Shepard with five points, Dave Cordima three points and Capt. Pat Murnane a field goal.

For Lowell (9-6), which lost to Andover 70-57 in the Dec. 11 season opener for both schools at Tsongas Arena in Lowell, Bob Michalczyk tossed in 21 points, Chris Churri 10 and William Pena nine.

Lowell finished with a 26-24 edge in field goals, but AHS outscored the visitors 12-5 at the free throw line and had six three-pointers to just one for Lowell.

Methuen 74

Andover 59

The host Rangers galloped to a commanding 44-29 halftime lead and did a fine defensive job against AHS stand-out Tom McLaughlin.

McLaughlin finished with 19 points, eight from the free throw line, while Brad Stubenhaus added 18 points, Paul Bellacqua 11, Dave Cordima eight and Pat Murnane three.

Jay Avant was the offensive star for the Rangers, leading four players into double figures with a McLaughlin-like 31 points.

Keith Gormley contributed 12 points, Al Ruiz 11 and Jason Quinn 10.

The Golden Warriors trimmed the deficit top five points by coming out of the

second-half gate fast, but Methuen regained its poise and slowly pulled away for good.

Brad Stubenhaus was named the Baystate Financial Services boys basketball player of the fortnight for the week of Jan. 28 by Andover High Varsity Basketball Coach David Fazio.

"Brad has been productive for us on many levels," says Fazio. "He's averaging 15 points per game, and he's shot well from both the field and the free-throw line. He's averaging four assists per game, and is one of our most consistent performers."

"He had an excellent game for us against

ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS BASKETBALL (15 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Tom McLaughlin	138	98	408
Brad Stubenhaus	90	29	213
Paul Bellacqua	35	24	99
Kevin Shepard	31	18	86
Dave Cordima	31	16	84
Pat Murnane	20	9	51
Geordie Millotis	4	10	18
Chris Caverly	5	6	16
Dan Hughes	5	4	14
Mike Byrne	4	0	8
Andrew Carter	1	1	3
Adam Silevitch	1	0	2

3-pointers: McLaughlin 34, Shepard 6, Cordima 6, Stubenhaus 4, Murnane 2, Bellacqua 1.

Methuen. We look forward to his continuing leadership through the rest of the season.

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

By Rick Harrison

St. Robert's A teams remained undefeated with recent showdown wins in

both the Senior Boys and Senior Girls Divisions of the Andover Church Basketball League.

Nick Halks netted 14 points and Steve Russell added 12 as St. Robert's A (6-0) handled undermanned St.

Robert's B easily, 34-17, in the showdown of previously-undefeated ACBL boys co-leaders at the Andover High Field House.

In the Senior Girls Division, St. Robert's A (5-0) trimmed St. Augustine A 17-5 in their first-place battle.

Ballardvale United 23

South Church 22
United (2-3) took a six-point halftime lead and survived some poor free throw shooting down the stretch to register the upset. Josh Burke played an excellent first half and finished as game-high scorer for BU with 11 points. Alex Dezieck, Matt Hogan and Phil Lucas chipped in 4 points each.

United was only 3-for-12 from the charity stripe in the second half. Scoring 6 points apiece for South (3-2) were Ryan Durkin, Mike Gibson and Joel Keefe.

Alex Foley added 4 points but South went to the foul line only once the entire game.

St. Robert's B 44
St. Augustine D 29
Playing with a full roster for the first time in three weeks, once-beaten SRB (5-1) had too much firepower for improved St. Augustine D which had won two straight.

SENIOR BOYS

Week 6

St. Robert's A 30

St. Augustine A 22

Undefeated division leader SRA (6-0) built a 14-6 halftime lead and then traded points with SAA on the way to the important win.

Speedy guard Doug Powers led all scorers with 13 points, Nick Halks contributed 6, Matt Renfro 4, Steve Russell 3 and adding a basket each were Jarrett Mackin and Steve Renfro. Ryan Shepard netted 7 of his 9 points in the second half for St. Augustine A, while Jeff Sawyer added 6 points, Paul Tassinari 5 and David Musto 2.

ACBL standings

Senior Boys

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Robert's A	6	0	245	134
St. Robert's B	5	1	225	160
South	3	2	178	151
St. Augustine A	3	2	132	116
Faith Lutheran	3	2	150	142
Ballardvale United	2	3	103	129
St. Augustine D	2	4	151	185
St. Augustine C	0	5	75	148
St. Augustine B	0	5	107	202

Senior Girls

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Robert's A	5	0	138	63
St. Augustine A	4	1	101	92
St. Augustine B	4	1	150	100
St. Robert's C	2	3	130	152
South	1	4	108	119
West Parish	1	4	86	109
St. Robert's B	1	5	88	155

The winners' balanced attack was led by Jonathan DeLeo with 11 points, Matt Wolfman 10, Lou Peracchi 9 and Jimmy Muller 8. Patrick Bateson netted 4 points and Tim Hughes 2. Mark Thompson was game-high for St. Augustine with 15 points, 9 in the second half, and Nick Barash tossed in 8 points. Completing the attack with a field goal each were Alex Marsh, Mark Radlinski and Dave Szafarz.

Faith Lutheran 25

St. Augustine C 16

With Jake Kleinman dominating inside, Lutheran took a commanding lead early and was never threatened thereafter. Kleinman finished with 12 points, Andrew Hempstead added 6, Kevin Auliero 5 and Jonathan Taylor 2 for

the winners.

Matt Hill scored all 10 of his points in the second half for SAC and James Primes had 4 points.

Week 5

St. Robert's A 34

St. Robert's B 17

Both teams entered with 4-0 records, but SRB was minus several key players because of travel team commitments and fell to a deeper SRA squad.

Tim Bengston backed double-figure marksmen Halks and Russell with 4 points, Adam Dolan netted 3 and Sean Branca a free throw. For SRB, which trailed by 10 at the half, Matt Wolfman tossed in 7 points, Daniel Righter 4, Patrick Bateson 3 and Tommy White 3.

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ACBL RESULTS

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Faith Lutheran 18**Ballardvale United 15**

United made it interesting with a solid second-half performance, but Jake Kleinman's strong inside presence for Lutheran preserved the win.

Kleinman led all scorers with 14 points, Andrew Hempstead added 3 and Kevin Aufiero notched a free throw.

Josh Burke and Matt Hogan countered with 5 points each for BU, while Anthony Camilo added 4 and Gary Luber a free throw.

Lutheran won it at the charity stripe where it held a 6-3 scoring edge.

St. Augustine A 31**St. Augustine B 24**

SAA, breaking open a close two-point game with a 15-10 second-half run, used a balanced five-player attack to offset the fine shooting of SAB's Mark Swoboda. Paul Tassinari led the winners with 11 points, Sean Cummings notched 8, Jeff Sawyer 6, Dave Musto 4 and Ben Baldwin 2.

Swoboda countered with 10 points for the B-team while John Formichella, Joe Ruszkowski and Brad Whiting scored 4 each.

Matt Furness added a first-half field goal.

St. Augustine D 25**St. Augustine C 18**

Nick Barash tossed in 8 of his game-high 9 points in the second half as St. Augustine D registered its second straight win.

Geoff Shulik and Jack Thorlin contributed 4 points each while solo baskets were scored by Alex Marsh, Alex Navarro, Mark Radlinski and Steve Schade.

James Primes led the SAC answering fire with 8 points, Ryan O'Leary had 4, Ryan Donahue and Doug Washington a field goal each and Brian Coffey a pair of first-half free throws.

SENIOR GIRLS**WEEK 6****St. Robert's A 17****St. Augustine A 5**

Elizabeth Dwulet scored a game-high 9 points, played tough off the boards and was a defensive standout as SRA (5-0) won the battle of the unbeaten and took sole possession of first place.

Courtney Dynes had 4 points in the second half, when St. Robert's broke it open, while Lauren Grobicki had a field goal and Corrine Welsh 2 free throws.

Libby Mulligan (3 points) and Libby Fortier (2) were the only scorers for SAA (4-1).

St. Robert's C 31**St. Robert's B 29 (ot)**

J'aimé Gilbert, who did not arrive at the game until the start of the second half, scored a pair of baskets in over-

time as SRC broke a 27-27 deadlock and went on to the win.

Gilbert made up for lost time, finishing as game-high scorer with 14 points while Christa Sharis added 8 and Elissa Slovin 6.

Danielle Perry had a field goal and Skye MacKay a free throw for the winners, who trailed by 10 points (19-9) at the half but forced overtime with an 18-8 run after the break.

Heather Maloney netted 8 points for SRB, Jocelyn Gerety had 6 and contributing 4 points each were Maria Savoca, Lauren Vieira and Brittany Wadbrook.

Completing the attack were Samantha Berger with 2 points and Jennifer Nisco a free throw.

South Church 25**West Parish 14**

South earned its first victory as seven players contributed to the attack, breaking open a tight game with a 16-8 second-half run.

Erin Korte led all scorers with 9 points, Heather Fleming netted 6 and contributing a basket each for the winners were Hannah Brady, Danielle Cohen, Jeanmarie Gossard, Melissa Martin and Marianne Murphy.

For West, which was missing four players, Jacqui Herling had 6 points, Allison Nill 4, Lauren Elias 2 and Leslie Willey 2.

WEEK 5**St. Augustine A 20****West Parish 14**

Lauren Goglia flipped through 8 points

to lead the way as SAA remained undefeated.

Michelle Pirro and Sarah Wooten had 4 points each, with a basket apiece in both halves, while Meghan Keefe and Tara Mohan both had a field goal. Allison Nill and Meredith Peck produced 6 points each for West and Jacqui Herling had 2.

St. Augustine B 34**South Church 24**

Colleen Haugh scored 12 points inside, and Brigga Heelen added 10 more from all over the court, as the highest scoring team in the division broke a 14-14 halftime tie with a 20-10 edge after the intermission.

Lauren Barber added 4 points while Kelsey Farrell, Kate James, Jeanne Lothrop and Samantha Paskal had 2 each.

Hannah Brady was game-high scorer for South with 14 points. Heather Flemming pocketed 4 and adding a basket apiece were Erin Korte, Melissa Martin and Paige Shaffer.

St. Robert's A 32**St. Robert's B 7**

SRA retained its share of the lead as Elizabeth Dwulet and Corrine Welsh combined for 29 points to sink intra-church rival SRB.

Welsh poured through 17, Dwulet added 12 and rounding out the attack were Maggie Murphy with a field goal and Andrea Pereira a free throw, Oriana Federico, Lauren Vieira and Maria Savoca had a bucket each and Jocelyn Gerety a foul shot for SRB.



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Docket No. 00P0140-AD1
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Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date January 21, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
February 3, 2000

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Section 5., a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the following proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law:

- (1) Amend Section VI.N.1. (Wireless Communications Facilities) by requiring that cellular towers be set back from residential lot lines even if such lot line is in another community. The current by-law requires setbacks from residential properties in Andover, but not from similar property which might be on the other side of the town line in an adjacent community;
- (2) Amend Section V.B.2.i. (Swimming Pool Setbacks) by increasing the setback for swimming pools from five (5) feet to ten (10) feet from lot lines;
- (3) Amend Section V.B.12. (Slope Requirements) by redefining the term "natural slope" to read: "the condition of the ground surface as it exists at the time a subdivision or development is proposed including any man-made alterations such as grading, excavation or filling which may have

occurred prior to the time such subdivision or land development is submitted."; and to prohibit land from being regraded or filled to circumvent the by-law; and to make the by-law applicable to the entire tract or parcel being subdivided or developed;

(4) Add the following new subsection (Exceptions and Special Requirements) to the Zoning ByLaw: "V.B.13. Except as otherwise provided for in this by-law not more than one building designed or available for use for dwelling purposes shall be erected or converted to such use on any lot, parcel or tract of land in the town."

The full text of the foregoing proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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February 3 & 10, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at 9:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the request of Marriott Senior Living Services, Inc.,

for a one-year extension of time in which to exercise a Special Permit for Assisted Living Residence (SP98-12) issued by the Board on September 10, 1998, said permit to allow for the development of a 55,616 square foot structure containing 84 assisted living units on property owned by MSLS-Mapleridge, Inc., located at 170 Haverhill Street, as shown as Lot 3 on Assessor's Map 1. The request may be examined in the Planning Department between 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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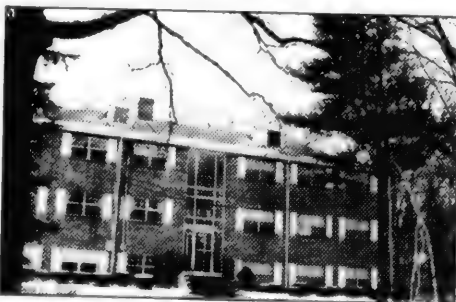
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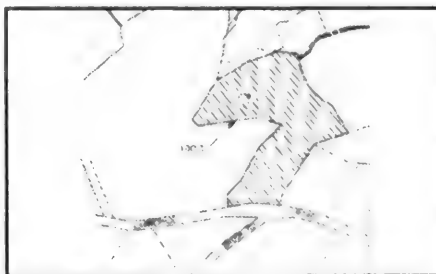
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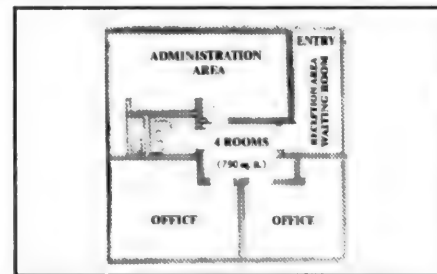
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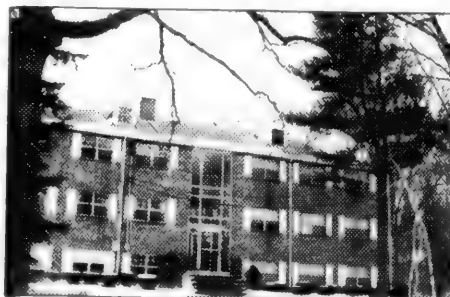
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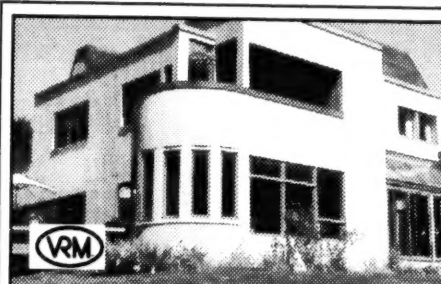
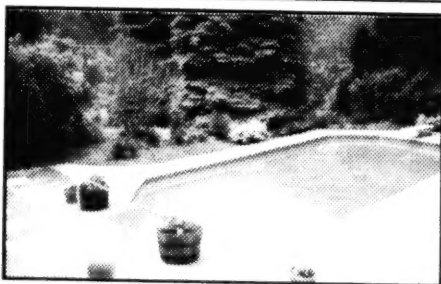
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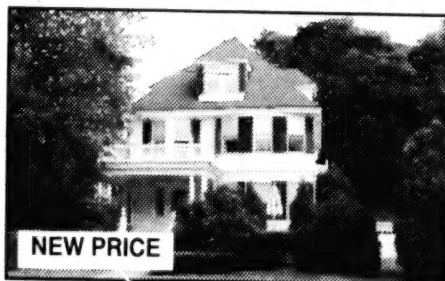
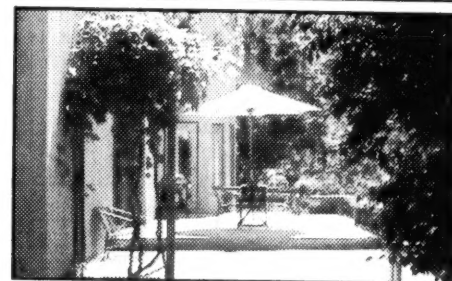
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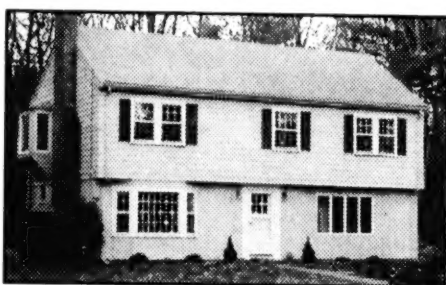
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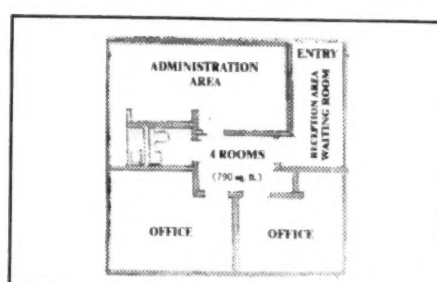


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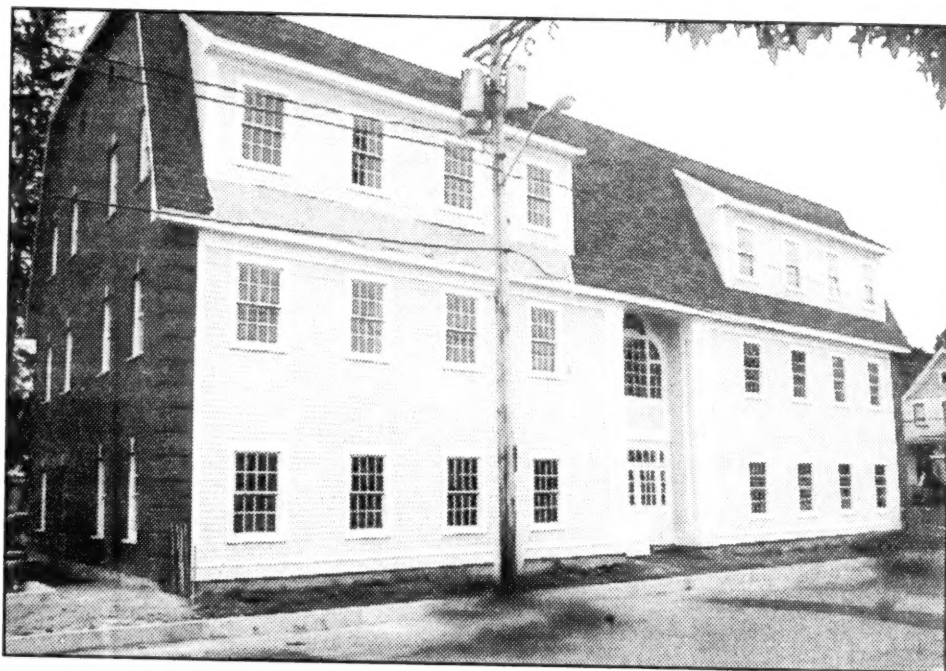
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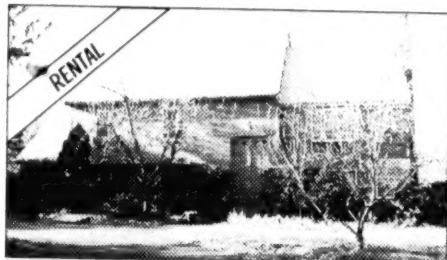


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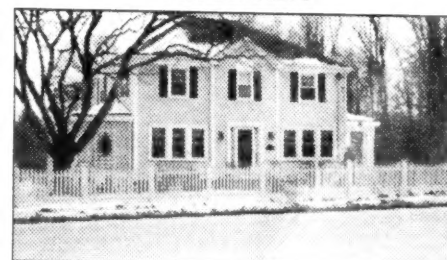
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